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Minutes

of the

Thirty-Ninth
Annual Session

of the

Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association

Held With

The Church At
Pleasant Grove
Patrick County Virginia

1971

Next session convenes with Draper Church, Rockingham County, Eden, N. C. on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1972.

Officers

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator Stoneville, N.C.

ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Clerk P. O. Box 4391
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105

WINFRED YOUNG, Assistant Clerk, Lawsonville, N.C.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Thirty Ninth Session Of The

Lower Mayo Association

Convened with the Church at Pleasant Grove October the 1, 2, 3, 1971 located in Patrick County Virginia. After Praise and Prayer by Elder Jack Pulliam, the introductory was preached by Elder N. G. Hutchins. Text: Job: 1, 2, 3.

Followed by Elder W. J. Puckett, text: Romans, 8: 27, etc.

After an intermission the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors. The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Then Proceeded to business as follows:

1. Letters were called for from the several Churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the association elected Elder J. G. Gardner Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert Clerk, Deacon Winfred Young Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the rules of decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the moderator make all temporary Appointments.

Finance: Deacon Jimmie Martin and Brother Buddy Crotts.

Distribute minutes: Brother E. M. Hopkins and Deacon Try Hutchins.

Preaching arrangements: Messengers of Pleasant Grove Church.

6. Called for correspondent from sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkins and wife, Elder W. D. Staley, Brother Ralph Gaines and wife Sister Sylvia Snyder, Bro. J. W. Robbins others.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Brother J. M. Stevens and wife.

Blue Ridge: Not Seated at this time.

Laurel Springs: Elder Garland Payne and wife, Elder Troy Hill and wife, Brother Robert Payne, Brother Sidney Felts and wife, Sister Lola Newman, and others.
Little River: T. F. Adams and wife, Elder R. L. Fish, Elder Allan Johnson, Sister Eva Pierce and others.
Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brethern Clyde Blalock, Gentry and others.
Mates Creek: Minutes.
Mill branch: Minutes.
New River: Brother J. D. Wade, Brethren Early Harris and wife Oscar Surratt and wife, Deacon C. Duncan and wife others.
Selma: Elder Hugh Wray, Elder C. F. Farmer, Brother Junior Wray, Brother Wade Barham others.
Seven Mile: Minutes.
White Oak: Minutes.
Independent Churches:
Newborn Church:
Glenwood Park: Not Seated at this time.
Hopewell Church: California.
Bannister Springs: Not seated at this time.
Macedonia Church: Fla.

7. On motion and carried that we seat uor correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30.
Dismissed: By Elder T. F. Adams.

Saturday Morning, October 2, 1971

The association met according to previous arrangement, and conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

9. Called for correspondents who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:
Abbots Creek; Elders A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert, Jack Pulliam.
Black Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, A. A. Doss, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert, Jack Pulliam.
Bear Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, A. A. Doss, N. G. Stewart, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert.

Blue Ridge: We have a standing order in our association that any of our Brethern attending Sister associations, be recognized as messengers. And are so authorized to seat with the Blue Ridge association if conditions have been established, whereby we together with our correspondents may seat with them. Let it be so recorded in our minutes.

Laurel Springs: On motion and carried that we Resume correspondence with Laurel Springs association. Messengers appointed as follows: Elders Richard Willis, N. G. Stewart, W. J. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, S. L. Gilbert, Jack Pulliam

Lower Country Line: Elder A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, J. W. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert.

Little River: Elders A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert.

Mates Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, Richard Willis, Deacon Cletus Turner.

New River: Elder N. G. Hutchins, A. A. Doss, Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert, Jack Pulliam.

Mill Branch: Minutes

Salem: Elders L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert.

Seven Mile: Elders Jack Pulliam, A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, L. G. Stewart.

White Oak: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert.

12. On motion and carried that the clek be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the Sum of two hundred and Eighty dollars and sixty cents be turned over to the Finance committee.

14. On motion and carried that the sum of one Hundred Dollars be allowed the Clerk for the printing and mailing the minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the clerk have eight Hundred of these minutes printed.

17. The finance committee was called upon to report. They reported from Churches ($472.00). On motion and carried

the report received and the committee ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next session of the Lower Mayo Association to be held with Draper Church, Rockingham County, Eden, N. C. Beginning on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1972.

20. Resolved: That we give Thanks unto the Heavenly Father for his loving toward us for His Loving Kindness whereby we have been brought to gether once mroe in peace and, enabled us by His Grace to part in the same. We thank the Members and friends for having been so kind and considerate, in preparing for our visitors and corresponding Brethern. May the Grace of our Lord be with us all till we meet again.

21. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder Garland Payne.

Elder J. G. Gardner Moderator.

Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk.

Deacon Winfred Young, Assistant Clerk.

Order Of Preaching

Friday Morning, October 1, 1971

Services opened by Song and Prayer by Elder Jack Pulliam.
Introductory Sermon: Elder N. G. Hutchins, Job. 10: 1, 2, 3.

Friday Evening:
Elder R. L. Fish, Romans 8: 14 to 18.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Clerk Failed to get text.
Elder T. F. Adams, 1st Peter: 1 to 5.
Dismissed by Elder S. L. Gilbert.

Saturday Morning, October 2, 1971.
Praise and Prayer by Elder L. P. Marton.
Elder Allen Johnson: Psalms: 116. 1.
Elder L. P. Martin, Luke: 1. 15.
Elder Garland Payne, Psalms: 110. 11.

Saturday Evening:
Elder C. S. Farmer, St. John: 1. 1, 2, 3.
Elder Hugh Wray, Eph:
Elder W. E. Staley, Acts: 2. 34.
Brother J. D. Wade, Isa. 40. 1, 2, 3.
Brother Ralph Gaines, No Special Text
Dismissed by Elder N. G. Hutchins.

Sunday Morning, October 3, 1971.
Praise and Prayer By Elder W. J. Puckett.
Brother J. M. Stevens. No Special Text.
Elder H. P. Somers. "I Jesus Have Sent."
Elder A. A. Doss. Gen. 3. 12.
Elder J. G. Gardner. 1st Cor. 2. 2, 3.

Sunday Evening:
Elder Jack Pulliam. Clerk Failed to get text.
Elder N. G. Hutchins. No Special Text.
Elder Troy Hill. "All Who Were Rained To Eternal Life," etc.
Dismissed by Elder S. L. Gilbert.

Financial Report

Received from Churches		$472.00
Balance in Clerk's Hand		280 60
Total		$752.60

Disbursements:

Gave Moderator	$ 10.00	
Gave Clerk	20.00	
Gave Assistant Clerk	5.00	
Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes	$100.00	
Allowed visiting Ministers	$172.00	
Total Disbursements		$308.00
Balance On Hand First Union Natl., Winston Salem, N. C.		$445.60
		$752 60

Elders of the Lower Mayo Association

Name	Address	Date of Ordination
W. H. Freeman	Chapel Hill, N. C.	1932
W. J. Puckett	Pine Hall, N. C.	1940
James G. Gardner	Stone Ville, N. C.	1943
L. G. Stewart	Rt. 3, Box 82, Reidsville, N. C.	1959
A. A. Doss,	Rt. 1, Evington, Virginia	1951
Richard D. Willis	Rt. 8, Meadow Lark Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C.	1967
Jack Pulliam	Spray, N. C.	1930
S. L. Gilbert	P. O. Box 4391, Winston-Salem, N. C.	1943
S. J. Corn	Stuart, Va.	1961
R. D. Bell	Mayodan, N. C.	1939
N. G. Hutchins	Stoneville, N. C.	1961

Liceniate: Burnice Taylor—Summerfield, N. C.

Clerks, Addresses, No. Minutes, Month of Communion

Spoon Creek, 50, Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in August.

Pleasant Grove, 50, J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in September.

Mayodan, 50, Henry Shelton, Rt., Reidsville, N. C. Third Sunday in May.

Russell Creek, 40, Addie Smith, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.

Ridgeway, 25, Hilda Mosely, Rt. 6, Box 233, Martinsville, Va. First Sunday in June.

Macedonia, 50, T. D. Flinchum, 520 Walnut Street, Eden, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May.

Aaron Fork, 40, Winfred Young, Lawsonville, N. C. Third Sunday in August.

Goodwille, 50, Elder L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 82, First Sunday in July.

Draper, 25, Grady Clark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Eden, N. C. Fourth Sunday in September.

Matrimony, 40, Mabel Rhodes, Stoneville, N. C. Second Sunday in July.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Abbotts Creek: Elder Calvin Harward, Rt. 7, Box 901, Sanford, N. C. ---------- 30

Bear Creek: Elder W. C. Edwards, 1417 David Drive, Shelby, N. C. ---------- 20

Black Creek: L. G. Brantly, Spring Hope, N. C. ---------- 20

Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Box 350, Fieldale, Va. ---------- 20

Laurel Springs: George Fulk, Pilot Mountain, N. C. ---------- 20

Lower Country Line: Reuben Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. ---------- 20

Little River: Thomas R. Whitley, 909 Wade Ave., Garner, N. C. 27529 ---------- 20

Mill Branch: M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Drive, Cheraw, S. C. ---------- 20

Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, P. O. Box 34, McAndrews, Ky. ---------- 20

New River: G. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 346, Radford, Va. ---------- 20

Salem: 408 Grove St., Hartana Apts.,362-6736
Salem: John T. Lee, 310 Meadowbrick Dr. Burlington, N. C. ---------- 20

Seven Mile: Carol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N. C. ---------- 20

White Oak: M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N. C. ---------- 20

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strickly to the subject under consideration, and shall in no way reflect on any brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and Called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, who rules all things after His own will, and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, and goodness, eternal, immortal, invisible, and unchangeable and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that there are three that bear witness in earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

2. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God and are sufficient rule of faith and practice. They are given by inspiration of God and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

3. We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, do now, or ever will believe on His name and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant

of the Father before the world was. that they should show forth His praise.

4. We believe that all whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son; that God elected according to His foreknowledge through the sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all true saints, and that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe the saints will presevere in grace and never finally fall away.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

12. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sunday of meeting	By exp. and Bapt.	Rec'd. by Relation	Res. to fellowship	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Draper	Deacon Crady Clark Brenthern Chaney, Thomas Pulliam, Sister Cora Chaney Alt.	4	2						16	38.00
Mayodan	Elder W. J. Puckett, Bro. Charlie Hopkins, Sister Lucy Lawson, Sister Ola Mae Sheppard Alt.	3	1					1	32	35.00
Russell Creek	Deacon Troy Hutchins, Elders S. L. Gilbert, Richard Willis, S. J. Corn, Alt.	1						11	32	23.00
Ridgeway	Bro. Marvin Hodge, Sister Hilda Moseley, Elder H. P. Somers, Sister Ethel Wilson Alt.	1							7	50.00
Goodwill	Elders L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Bro. Abie Deal, Bro. J. D. Cassell Alt.	1	1			2		1	36	50.00
Macedonia	Deacons T. D. Flinchum, E. M. Hopkins, Elder N. G. Hutchins, Sister Myrtle Hall Alt.	4						1	11	46.00
Aaron Fork	Deacons Noah Lawson, Winfred Young, ,Bro. Will Stevens, Deacon Charlie Moore Alt.	3							27	45.00
Spoon Creek	Brethern Frank Wood, Charlie Stowe, Buddy Crotts, Cletus Turner Alt.	2						1	34	43.00
Matrimony	Elder Elijah Stowe, Bro. Jimmie Martin, Sister Annie Martin, Sister Mabel Rhodes Alt.	2							18	112.00
Pleasant Grove	Deacons O. G. Gilley, J. B. Hutchins, J. T. Manring, Trudie Bullins Alt.	3							19	30.00

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1972

Next session convenes with Mayodan Church, Rockingham County, Mayodan, N. C. on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1973

Officers

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator Stoneville, N.C.

ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Clerk P. O. Box 4391
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105

WINFRED YOUNG, Assistant Clerk, Lawsonville, N.C.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fortieth Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association held with the Church of Draper, Rockingham County, Eden, N. C. September 29, 30, and October 1, 1972

FRIDAY MORNING–September 29, 1972

Praise and prayer by Elder J. H. Carter.

Introductory sermon by Elder W. J. Puckett: Text: St. John 17: 1 to 12, Followed by Elder James Gardner. Text: Eph. 2:8, 9.

After an intermission of about one hour, the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Letters were called for from the several churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our Statistical table.
2. Called for petitionary letters. None.
3. On motion and carried, the Association elected Elder James Gardner Moderator, Sam L. Gilbert Clerk, Deacon Winfred Young Assistant Clerk.
4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.
5. On motion and carried the moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: Deacons Jimmie Martin and Cletus Turner.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Troy Hutchins and Willie Cassell.

Preaching Arrangement: Messengers of Draper Church, together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried called for correspondents from sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elders J. H. Moody, Ralph Gaines, W. E. Staley, Deacons J. W. Robbins, N. Trogden and wife J. Trodgen and wife, others.

Bear Creek:

Black Creek: Brother Paul Carroway and wife.

Blue Ridge: On motion and carried not seated at this time.

Laurel Springs: Elder Troy Hill and wife, Deacon Robert Cheek and wife, Brother Puckett and wife, others.

Little River: Elders Allen Johnson and R. L. Fish; Sisters Eva Pearce, Vergie Dean and Brother Johnnie Staten, Deacon J. M. Raper and wife, Elder Floyd Adams and wife, others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brethern Clyde Blalock and Hubert Browning. Others

Mates Creek:

Mill Branch: Elder J. H. Carter

New River: Deacon J. J. Duncan and wife, A. E. Smith and wife, Brother J. D. Wade and wife, Deacon G. E. Duncan and wife. Others.

Salem: Deacons Harry Wilson, Porter Newman and wife, Ike Newman and wife, Seth Biggs and wife, Elder Claude Brown and wife, Elder H. P. Somers, Brother Junior Wray, Elder Johnnie Lee. Others.

Seven Mile: Brother Graham Jackson.

White Oak: Elder Eugene Shepard, Brethern Ernest Davis, Virgil Davis, Sister Huffman.

Newborn Church:

Macedonia Church: Florida

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed by Elder R. L. Fish.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 30, 1972

The Association met according to previous arrangement and the conference was opened by song and prayer by Elder Harry Dagenhart.

9. Called for messengers who visited Sister Associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert, Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart.

Bear Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert, A. A. Doss, L. G. Stewart.

Black Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, Richard Willis, L. G. Stewart.

Blue Ridge: We have a standing order in our association that any of our Brethern visiting sister associations be recognized as messengers and are authorized to seat with the Blue Ridge if conditions have been established, whereby we may seat with them together with our correspondents. Let it be so recorded in our minutes.

Laurel Springs: Elders Richard Willis, A. A. Doss, S. L. Gilbert, Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart.

Lower Country Line: Elders A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart, W. J. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert, J. G. Gardner.

Little River: Elder A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, N. G. Hutchins, S. O. Gilbert, J. G. Gardner.

Mates Creek: Elders Richard Willis, W. J. Puckett, Deacon Cletus Turner, L. G. Stewart.

Mill Branch: Elders A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, J. G. Gardner, L. G. Stewart.

New River: Elders N. G. Hutchins, A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, L. G. Stewart

Salem: Elders L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, N. G. Hutchins, J. G. Gardner, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, Richard Willis.

Seven Mile: A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart, S. L. Gilbert.

White Oak: Elders Jack Pulliam, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert, J. G. Gardner, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss.

12. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of $450.10 be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed the Clerk for printing and mailing the minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have eight hundred of these minutes printed.

17. On motion and the Finance Committee was called on to report. They reported as follows: From Churches: $497.00 The report was received and the Committee ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next session of the Lower Mayo Association be held with Mayodan Church in Rockingham County, Mayodan, N. C. beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1973.

19. We thank our Heavenly Father for the wonderful love and fellowship manifested in our midst in this the sitting of our association, and the members and friends of Draper Church and this association for their untiring acts of kindness in preparing for this association. We also express our sincere Thanks to the Henry County School Board for granting us the use of the Ridgeway School. May the Grace of our Lord be with us all till we meet again.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

ELDER JAMES G. GARDNER, Moderator
ELDER SAM L. GILBERT, Clerk
DEACON WINFRED YOUNG, Ass't. Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning, September 29, 1972:

The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. H. Carter. Introductor Sermon: Elder W. J. Puckett, Text: St. John 1:1 to 12, Followed by Elder J. G. Gardner: Text: Eph. 2:8, 9.

Friday Evening:

Elder L. P. Martin, Col. 1:12, etc.
Elder R. L. Fish, Isiah, 45:7
Elder Allen Johnson. No special text.
Brother J. D. Wade, "Blessed Are They," etc.
Dismissed by Elder J. H. Moody

Saturday Morning, September 30, 1972:

Praise and prayer by Elder Harry Dagenhart.
Elder Try Hill, no special text.
Elder J. H. Carter, Matt. 11:25
Elder Jim Moody, Clerk failed to get text.
Elder Calvin Harward, 1st Cor. 1 to 13.
Elder W. E. Staley, "I'm the Rose of Sharon"

Saturday Evening:

Elder Johnnie Lee, Rev. 7:9 to 14
Elder Johnnie Williams, Eph. 4:1, etc.
Elder Floyd Adams, Ruth: 2:20,24
Elder D. B. Owen: No special text.
Dismissed by Elder W. E. Staley

Sunday Morning, October 1, 1972: Elder Eugene Shepard

Praise and prayer by Elder Lester Stewart
Elder Claude Brown, Ezek. 14:11
Bro. Junior Wray, "Middle Wall of Partition."

Sunday Evening: Elder Eugene Shepard

Elder Ralph Gaines. Rom. 8: "Whom He Did Fore Know", etc.
Elder H. P. Somers. Rev. 22:13.
Elder J. G. Gardner. "Resurrection."
Dismissed by Jack Pulliam

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from Churches		$497.00
Balance in hand of Clerk		450.10
Total		$947.10
Distributions:		
Donated to Moderator	$10.00	
Donated to Clerk	20.00	
Donated to Assistant Clerk	5.00	
Allowed for printing and mailing minutes	$100.00	
Paid Janitor	28.00	
Gave School Board	15.00	
Donated to Visiting Ministers	$227.00	
Total Disbursements:	$405.00	$542.10
Balance on hand on deposit in First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.	$542.10	

ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Date of Ordination
Elder James G. Gardner,	Stoneville, N. C.	1943
Elder L. G. Stewart,	Rt. 3, Box 82, Reidsville, N.C.	1959
Elder A. A. Doss,	Rt. 1, Evington, Va.	1951
Elder R. D. Willis,	Rt. 8, Meadow Lark Dr. Winston-Salem, N.C.	1967
Elder Jack Pulliam,	Spray, N. C.	1930
Elder Sam L. Gilbert,	P.O. Box 4391 Winston-Salem, N.C.	1943
Elder S. J. Corn,	Stuart, Va.	1961
Elder N. G. Hutchins,	Stoneville, N. C.	1961
Elder W. H. Freeman,	Chapel Hill, N. C.	1932
W. J. Puckett,	Pine Hall, N. C.	1940

Liceniate: Bernice Taylor, Summerfield, N. C.

CLERKS, ADDRESSES, No. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50.Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in Aug.
Pleasant Grove: 50. J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in Sept.
Russell Creek: 40. Addie Smith, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.
Ridgeway: 25. Hilda Mosely, Rt. 6 Box 233, Martinsville, Va., First Sunday in June.
Macedonia: 50. T. D. Flinchum, 520 Walnut St., Eden, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May.
Aaron Fork: 40. Winfred Young, Lawsonville, N. C. Third Sunday in August.
Goodwill: 50. Elder L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 82, Reidsville, N. C. First Sunday in July.
Draper: 25. Grady Clark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Eden, N. C. Fourth Sunday in September.
Matrimony: 40. Mabel Rhodes, Stoneville, N. C. Second Sunday in July.
Mayodan: 50. Henry Shelton, Rt. 7, Reidsville, N.C. 3rd in May, Oct.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Abbotts Creek: Elder Calvin Harward, Rt. 7 Box 901 Sanford, N. C. 30
Bear Creek: Elder W. C. Edwards, 1417 David Dr., Shelby, N.C. . 20
Black Creek: L. G. Brantly, Spring Hope, N.C. 20
Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1 Box 350, Fieldale, Va. 20
Laurel Springs: George Fulk, Pilot Mtn., N. C. 20
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Little River: Thomas R. Whitley, 909 Wade Ave. Garner, N. C. . . 20
Mill Branche: M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Dr., Cheraw, N. C. 20
Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, P.O. Box 346, McAndrews, Ky. 20
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Mayodan	Eld. W. J. Puckett, Bro. Charlie Hopkins, Bro. Fred Lawson. Elder H. P. Somers Alt.	3	2					1	1	25	$ 40.00
Russell Creek	Elds. Richard Willis, S. J. Corn, Deacon Troy Hutchins, Sister Addie Smith, Alt.	1								11	$33.00
Ridgeway	Deacon Marvin Hodge, Sister Hilda Mosely, Elder H. P. Somers, Sister Wilson, Alt.	1						2		5	75.00
Goodwill	Elder N. G. Hutchins, Deacons J. M. Thomas, Willie Sassell, Bro. Abbie Deal, Alt.	1	2	1					1	38	50.00
Macedonia	Eld. N. G. Hutchins, Deacon T. D. Flinchum, Sister Myrtle Hall, Sister Bessie Clark, Alt.	4								11	55.00
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Matrimony	Elds. Jack Pulliam, J. G. Gardner, Brother Jimmie Martin, Eld. Elijah Stowe, Alt.	2								18	80.00
Pleasant Grove	Deacons, J. T. Manring, O. B. Gilley, J. B. Hutchins, Sister Trudie Bullins, Alt.	3								19	30.00
Draper	Deacon Grady Clark, Brother Thomas Pulliam, Eld. A. A. Doss, Brother Benton Chaney, Alt.	4								15	45.00

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MINUTES

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Forty First

Annual Session

of the

LOWER MAYO

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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1973

Next session convenes with Russell Creek Church, Patrick County, Virginia; beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1974

Officers

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CLETUS TURNER, Assistant Clerk
Bassett, Virginia

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty First Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, held with Mayodan Church, Rockingham County, Mayodan, N. C. October 5, 6, 7, 1973.

FRIDAY MORNING—October 5, 1973

Praise and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

Introductory sermon by Elder J. G. Gardner. Text St. John 3:16.

After an intermission of about one hour, the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder Troy Hill.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Letters were called for from the several churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received, and the messengers seated, and names enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder James G. Gardner Moderator, Elder Sam L. Gilbert Clerk. Deacon Winfred Young requested to be relieved of the duties of Assistant Clerk. On motion and carried his request was granted.

On motion and carried the Association elected Deacon Cletus Turner Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading the rules of decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all Temporary Appointments.

Finance: Jimmie Martin and Troy Hutchins.

Distribute Minutes: J. B. Hutchins, Elder N. G. Hutchins

Preaching Arrangement: Messengers of Mayodan Church together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried called for correspondents of same faith and order to seat with us.

Abbotts Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson, J. H. Moody, Calvin Harward, Ralph Gaines; Deacons Jesse Trogdon, Northern Trogdon and wife, J. W. Robins, others.

On motion and carried that we not seat the Bear Creek and drop them from our minutes.

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Black Creek: Elders J. B. Williams, Benny Owens, Delbert Carraway.

Laurel Springs: Elders George Flippin, Troy Hill and wife, Deacons Garvey Cheek, Robert Cheek, George Fulk, Brother Puckett and wife, others.

Little River: Elder S. J. Sauls, Sisters Pauline Adams, Eva Pearce, Nora Helms, other.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, George Walker, Clyde Blalock, G. T. Blalock and wife, others.

Mates Creek: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Brother Liston Vaught and wife.

New River: Brother G. T. Wade, G. E. Duncan, and wife. J. J. Duncan and wife, O. L. Surratt and wife, others.

Salem: Elders John T. Lee, Hugh Wray, Junior Wray, Claude Brown and wife, Harry Dagenhart, Seth Biggs and wife, others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes.

Mewborns Church: Elder J. M. Mewborn.

Macedonia Church: Florida

Hopewell Church: Cali

On motion and carried that we seat Lawyers Springs Church: Visitors.

ELDERS: J. T. Jones, W. C. Edwards.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until 10 O'clock Saturday Morning. Dismissed by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 6, 1973

The association met according to previous arrangement, and conference was opened by song and prayer by Elder Calvin Harward.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called on messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received and all who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders Richard Willis, James Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, N. G. Hutchins, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss.

Black Creek: Elders L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam

Laurel Springs: Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert.

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Mates Creek: Minutes

Mill Branch: Jack Pulliam, A. A. Doss, S. L. Gilbert, L. G. Stewart, J. G. Gardner.

New River: S. L. Gilbert, N. G. Hutchins, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, James Gardner.

Salem: A. A. Doss, James Gardner, L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert.

Seven Mile: Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart, Richard Willis.

White Oak: Elders James G. Gardner, L. G. Stewart, S. L. Gilbert, A. A. Doss, N. G. Hutchins, Richard Willis.

12. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the Clerk retain balance on hand in First Union National Bank, in Winston-Salem, N. C., ($514.75).

14. On motion and carried the sum of $125.00 be allowed for the printing and mailing the minutes; and any additional needed be drawn from reserve on deposit in First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have eight hundred copies of these minutes printed.

17. On motion and carried the finance committee were called on to report. They reported as follows: From Churches: $492.00. The report was received and the committee ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried that the next session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association be held with Russell Creek Church, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1974.

19. Resolved:

We thank our Heavenly Father for the love and fellowship He hath blest us with during the sitting of our association. Also, we thank the members and friends of Mayodan Church and this association for their untiring efforts in preparing for the welfare and comfort of our visiting Brethren Sisters and friends. We thank also, the Rockingham County School Board for granting us the use of the Madison-Mayodan High School auditorium for the setting of our association. May the Grace of our Lord be with us all till we meet again.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place above. Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning, October 5, 1973

Praise and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin. Introductory Sermon: Elder J. G. Gardner, Text: St. John 3:16.

Friday Evening:

Elder S. T. Atkinson, Good remarks
Elder Delbert Carraway, Clerk failed to get text.
Brother Dan Wade: Luke 4:17.
Elder Troy Hill, "Is there not a cause?"
Elder George Flippin, Excused, himself.
Dismissed by Elder J. H. Moody.

Saturday Morning: October 6, 1973

Praise and prayer by Elder Calvin Harward.
Elder J. T. Jones, Ezek 16:8
Elder James Moody. No special text.
Elder Ralph Gaines. No special text.
Elder L. P. Martin, Psalms 146:1, 2, etc.

Saturday Evening:

Elder Calvin Harward, Failed to get text.
Elder J. M. Mewborn, 1 Sam. 7:1, etc.
Elder Claude Brown, Clerk failed to get text.
Dismissed by Elder J. H. Moody.

Sunday Morning: October 7, 1973

Praise and prayer by Elder Jack Pulliam.
Elder John Lee, 1 Cor. 15:1 - 9
Elder W. C. Edwards, Dan. 6:16, etc.
Elder Hugh Wray. No special text.
Elder J. B. Williams. No special text.

Sunday Evening

Elder B. W. Owens. No special text.
Elder J. T. Jones, Titus 2:1, etc.
Dismissed by Elder John Lee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from Churches	$492.00
Balance in hand of Clerk	514.75
Total	$1,006.75
Disbursements:	
Donated to Moderator	$10.00
Donated to Clerk	20.00
Donated to Assistant Clerk	5.00
Allowed for printing and mailing minutes	125.00
Paid for school auditorium	50.00
Donated to visiting ministers	331.00
Total Disbursements:	541.00
Balance on hand in First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.	$465.75

ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Date of Ordination
L. G. Stewart,	Rt. 9, Box 164, Reidsville, N. C. 27320	1959
A. A. Doss,	Rt. 1, Evington, Va.	1951
R. D. Willis,	Rt. 8, Meadow Lark Dr. Winston-Salem, N. C.	1967
Jack Pulliam,	Spray, N. C.	1930
Sam L. Gilbert,	P. O. Box 4391 Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105	1943
S. J. Corn,	Stuart, Va.	1961
N. G. Hutchins,	Stoneville, N. C.	1961
T. E. Stowe,	Stoneville, N. C.	1971
W. H. Freeman,	Chapel Hill, N. C.	1932
W. J. Puckett,	Pine Hall, N. C.	1940
James G. Gardner,	Stoneville, N. C.	1943

Liceniate: Bernice Taylor, Summerfield, N. C.

CLERKS, ADDRESS, No. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50. Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in August.

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Matrimony: 40. Mabel Rhodes, Stoneville, N. C. Second Sunday in July.

Mayodan: 50. Veocie Goad, Mayodan, N. C. Third Sunday in May.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

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Macedonia	Deacon T. D. Flinchum, Eld. N. G. Hutchins, Sister Bessie Clark, Sister Erma Flinchum Alt.	4					1			10	55.00
Aaron Fork	Deacons Charlie Moore, Winfred Young, Bro. Will Stevens, Swanson Alley Alt.	3	1						3	23	55.00
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Draper	Deacon Grady Clark, Eld. A. A. Doss, Bro. Thomas Pulliam, Sister Alice Chandler Alt.	4							1	14	42.00
Mayodan	Deacon Ernest Hopkins, Bro. Fred Lawson, Bro. Charlie Hopkins, Sister Veocie Goad Alt.	3								26	65.00

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PROCEEDINGS

The Forty Second Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association held with Russell Creek Church, Patrick County, Virginia, October 4, 5, 6, 1974.

FRIDAY MORNING—October 4, 1974

Praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Saul.

Introductory sermon by Elder L. G. Stewart. "Text Unto me is this Grace Given."

Followed by Elder Albert Doss. Matt. 11:28.

After an intermission of about one hour, the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and the conference was opened by song and prayer by Elder Woodrow Lake.

Then proceeded to business as follows;

1. Letters from the several churches were called for and read. On motion and carried the letters were received, the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder James G. Gardner Moderator, Elder Sam L. Gilbert Clerk, Deacon Cletus Turner Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried ordered the Rules of Decorum be read.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: Deacon Jimmie Martin, Deacon Harry Wood.

Distribute Minutes: Deacon E.G.Clark, Deacon J.B.Hutchins

Preaching Arrangement: Deacons Troy Hutchins, Charlie Moore, Elder Albert Doss, together with Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried called for correspondents from Sister Associations of same faith and order to seat with us. The following were seated:

Abbotts Creek: Elders Calvin Harward, J. H. Moody, Brother Northern Trogden, and others.

Black Creek: Elder Delbert Carraway.

Laurel Springs: Elder Sid Bunn and wife, Elder Troy Hill and wife, Elder George Flippin, Brother Sidney Felts and wife, many others.

Little River: Elders S. J. Sauls, Allen Johnson, R. L. Fish, Sister Pauline Adams, Sister Nora Helms, others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brethern, Bernard Whitfield, Charlie Blalock and wife, Clyde Blalock and others.

Mates Creek: Elder Woodrow Lake, Brother H. C. Johnson and wife.

Mill Branch: Elders Grady Cox, Elder J. T. Carter and others.

New River: Elder Sebron Sechriest, Brother J. D. Wade, Deacons G. Duncan and wife, Joe Duncan and wife, R. W. Simkins, others.

Salem: Elder Claude Brown, Brethern Seth Biggs and wife, J. H. Owens and wife, Wade Barham and others.

Seven Mile: Brother Alonza Barefoot and wife.

White Oak: Elder I. W. Shepard and wife, Brother Ferney Davis.

Mewborns Church: Elder J. M. Mewborn, Brother Bartlett and wife.

Yellow River: Minutes.

Macedonia: Fla. Minutes.

Hopewell Church: Cali. Minutes.

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder J. T. Jones and wife, Deacon Wilson Jones and wife.

Sulpher Fork Church: Brother Paul Chilton and wife.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Dismissed by Elder Delbert Carraway

SATURDAY MORNING, October 5, 1974

The Association met according to previous arrangement, and conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder George Flippin.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for report of messengers who visited Sister Associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders J.G. Gardner, N.G. Hutchins, L.G. Stewart, S. L. Gilbert

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New River: Elders L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins, A. A. Doss, S. L. Gilbert.

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White Oak: Elders A. A. Doss, L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins.

12. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried the Clerk retain balance in hand ($436.81) on deposit in the First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.

14. On motion and carried that the sum of $ 150.00 be allowed for printing and mailing the minutes. Any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on deposit in the First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. On motion and carried the finance committee was called on to report. They reported as follows: Received from Churches ($ 530.00) The report was received and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next Association will convene with Ridgeway Church located in the town of Ridgeway, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1975.

19. Resolved:

We thank the Heavenly Father for the love and fellowship He has blest us with during the sitting of our Association. We also thank the members and friends of Russell Creek Church, and surrounding churches for their untiring efforts in preparing for the welfare and comfort of our visiting Brethern Sisters and friends.

May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His everlasting love keep us together till we meet again.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin.

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator

SAM L. GILBERT, Clerk

DEACON CLETUS TURNER, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning, October 4, 1974

Praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Sauls.

Introductory Sermon Elder L. G. Stewart: Text, "Unto me is this Grace Given."

Alternate Elder A. A. Doss: Matt. 11:28.

Friday Evening:

Elder J. M. Mewborn, St. John 8, etc

Elder Woodrow Lake. Clerk failed to get text.

Elder C. T. Harward. Ecl. 3: 11,12,14,15.

Dismissed by Elder Delbert Carraway.

Saturday Morning: October 5, 1974

Praise and prayer by Elder Geo. Flippin.
Brother Dan Wade. Matt. 12: 47,50.
Elder Geo. Flippin. John 16:7, etc.
Elder James Jones. Ezek. 37:1, etc.

Saturday Evening:

Elder L. P. Martin. Romans 19: 14, 15.
Elder J. H. Carter. Matt. 25, 31.
Elder I. W. Shepard. Psalms: "Go from Strength to strength"

Sunday Morning, October 6, 1974

Praise and prayer by Elder I. W. Shepard.
Elder Sebron Sechriest. 2 Kings 6:2.
Elder Grady Cox. 2 Cor. 6:7.
Elder J. H. Carter. St. John 6:7.

Sunday Evening:

Elder S. L. Gilbert. No special text.
Elder J. G. Gardner. Clerk failed to get text.
Dismissed by Elder A. A. Doss.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from Churches	$ 530.00
Balance in hand of Clerk	436.81
Total	$ 966.81

Disbursements:	
Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated to Clerk	20.00
Donated to Assistant Clerk	5.00
Allowed for printing and mailing minutes	150.00
Gave visiting Ministers	382.00
Total Disbursements:	$ 567.00
Balance on deposit in First Union National Bank Winston-Salem, N. C.	$ 399.81

ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Date of Ordination
A. A. Doss	Rt. 1, Evington, Va.	1951
R. D. Willis	Rt. 8, Meadow Lark Dr. Winston-Salem, N. C.	1967
Jack Pulliam	Spray N. C.	1930
Sam L. Gilbert	P. O. Box 4391, Winston-Salem, NC 27105	1943
S. J. Corn	Stuart, Va.	1961
N. G. Hutchins	Stoneville, N. C.	1961
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W. H. Freeman	Chapel Hill, N. C.	1932
W. J. Puckett	Pine Hall, N. C.	1940
J. G. Gardner	Stoneville, N. C.	1943
L. G. Stewart	Rt. 9, Box 164, Reidsville, N. C. 27320	1959

Liceniate: Bernice Taylor, Summerfield, N. C.

CLERKS, ADDRESSES, NO. MINUTES, MONTHS OF COMMUNION

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgement.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19: 11) established, in which appeals His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sunday of Meeting	Received by Exp. & Bap	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored by Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
~~Ridgeway~~	Sister Hilda Mosely, Bro. Gordon Roberts, Eld. H.P. Somers, Sister Estelle Thacker, Alt.	1	1					1		5	$ 50.00
Goodwill	Deacons Willie Cassell, J. M. Thomas, Eld. A. A. Doss Eld, L. G. Stewart, Alt.	1	1					4		34	50.00
Macedonia	Deacon T. D. Flinchum, Sister Bessie Clark, Sister Myrtle Hall, Eld. N. G. Hutchins, Alt.	4						1		8	50.00
Aaron Fork	Bro. Will Stevens, Deacon Charlie Moore, Bro. Zeb Mabe, Bro. Will Flinchum, Alt.	3						3	1	19	60.00
Spoon Creek	Bro. Samuel Wood, Bro. Franklin Mayes, Deacon H. E. Wood, Deacon Cletus Turner, Alt.	2						16		16	56.00
Matrimony	Deacon Jimmie Martin, Elder J. G. Gardner, Elder Elijah Stowe, Sister Mabel Rhodes, Alt.	2								18	95.00
Pleasant Grove	Deacons J. B. Hutchins, O. B. Gilley, J. T. Manring, Sister Curvie Brown, Alt.	3	2					2		19	37.00
Draper	Deacon Grady Clark, Elder A. A. Doss, Bro. Thomas Pulliam, Bro. Benton Chaney, Alt.	4						1		13	45.00
Mayodan	Brother Billy Payne, Bro. Fred Lawson, Eld. W. J. Puckett, Sister Lucy Lawson, Alt.	3						1		25	45.00
Russell Creek	Elders Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Troy Hutchins, Sister Addie Smith, Alt.	1							1	10	40.00

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MINUTES
of the
Forty Third
Annual Session
of the
LOWER MAYO
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1975

Held with Goodwill Church, Rockingham County North Carolina, Beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, and Continuing October 3, 4, 5, 1975.

Next session convenes, The Lord Willing, with Macedonia Church, Rockingham County, North Carolina, on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1976.

Officers

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator
Stoneville, N. C. Phone 573-9406

ELDER SAM L. GILBERT, Clerk
P. O. Box 4391 Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105
Phone 767-0917

DEACON CLETUS TURNER, Assistant Clerk
Bassett, Va.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty Third Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association held with Goodwill Church, Rockingham County, North Carolina, October 3, 4, 5, 1975.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 3, 1975

Praise and prayer by Licentitate Richard Barham.

Introductory Sermon by Elder A. A. Doss. Matt. 11:28. Followed by Elder Jack Pulliam.

After an intermission of about one hour, the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and the association was convened in conference by song and prayer by Elder Troy Hill.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. On motion and carried called for letters from the several churches and letters were read, and messengers seated.

2. On motion and carried that we drop Ridgeway Church from our minutes they having departed from our order and practice.

Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. Association Elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator; Elder S. L. Gilbert Clerk, Deacon Cletus, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the rules of decorum.

5. On motion and carried the Moderator make all temporary Appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Elder W. J. Puckett, Deacon J. B. Hutchins.

Preaching Committee: Deacons J. T. Manring, J. M. Thomas, Elder A. A. Doss, together with Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of same faith and order to seat with us. The following were seated.

Abbotts Creek: Elder Calvin Harward, Deacons Jesse Trogden, Northern Trogden and wife, Sister Harward, Brother Wilbar Martin, others.

Black Creek: Elder J. B. Williams and wife, Elder B. W. Owens and wife.

Laurel Springs: Elders Geo. Flippin, Troy Hill and wife, Deacons Geo. Fulp and wife, Robert Cheek and wife, Howard Puckett and wife, others.

Little River: Elders Allen Johnson, R. L. Fish, Deacon J. M. Raper and wife, Sister Pauline Adams, Sister Nora Helms, Sister Eurice Ogburn.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Deacons Geo. Walker and wife, Clyde Blalock, Rufus Gentry, Bernard Whitfield, others.

New River: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Licentitates Dan Wade, Elbert

Kirkman, Deacons G. E. Duncan, wife, J. J. Duncan and wife, others.

Mates Creek: No Report

Mill Branch: Elders Grady Cox, J. H. Carter, Deacon Geo. Paul, L. M. Davis and wife, Sister Lucille Beasley.

Salem: Elders O. J. Wray, Hugh D. Wray, Claude Brown and wife, Bro. Robt. Hawkins and wife, Richard Barham, Deacon Harry Wilson, Sister Ada Hill, others.

Seven Mile: Elder Jack Hawkins, Deacon Graham Jackson.

White Oak: No Report.

Yellow River: Elder E. H. Gunter, O. H. Brock, Eugene Clay and wife.

Mewborns Church: A. L. Bartlett and wife.

Macedonia Church: No Report.

Hopewell Church: No Report.

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder James Jones and wife, Deacon Wilson Jones and wife.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Dismissed by Elder R. L. Fish

SATURDAY MORNING, October 4, 1975

The Association met according to previous arrangement, and conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder Calvin Harward.

Then Proceeded to Business as Follows:

9. Called for report of messengers who visited Sister Associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders N. G. Hutchins, Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart, James G. Gardner, Sam L. Gilbert, A. A. Doss.

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Lower Country Line: Elders A. A. Doss, Elijah Stowe, J.G. Gardner, L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins

Mates Creek: Elders James G. Gardner, L. G. Stewart, W. J. Puckett.

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15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have eight hundred copies of these minutes printed.

17. On motion and carried the finance committee was called on to report. They reported as follows: Received from Churches ($510.00) From friends $42.00 . The Report was received and the committee was ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next Association be held with Macedonia Church, Rockingham County, North Carolina. Beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October 1976 and continuing three days.

19. Resolved:

We humbly express our sincere thanks to Brethern, Sisters, and friends for their labor and assistance in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting Brethern, Sisters and friends during the sitting of our Association. Also, we express our deep appreciation to the Henry County School Board for their kindness in allowing us the use of the Ridgeway School facilities. May the Grace of our Lord be with us and the Bonds of His everlasting love keep us together until we meet again.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to the place and time mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin.

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator

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ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

Friday Evening, October 3, 1975.

Praise and prayer by Licentiate Richard Barham.
Introductory. Elder A. A. Doss. Text Matt. 11:28.
Followed by Elder Jack Pulliam. No special text.
Elder Jack Hawkins. Excused himself.
Elder R. L. Fish. Clerk failed to get text.
Elder Allen Johnson. Clerk Failed to get text.
Licentiate Richard Barham. No special text.
Elder Troy Hill. No special text.

Saturday Morning, October 4, 1975.

Praise and prayer. Elder Calvin Harward.
Licentiate Elbert Kirkman. Clerk on other business. Failed to get text.
Elder Eugene Gunter. Gen. 26:7.
Elder Claude Brown. Acts 17; 26.
Elder Geo. Flippin. "This Rock".

Saturday Evening:

Elder Calvin Harward. "Loaves and Fishes"
Elder L. P. Martin. Joshua 27:1, etc.
Elder J. H. Carter. Isiah 61:1, etc.
Dismissed by Elder George Flippin.

Sunday Morning:

Praise and Prayer by Elder James Jones.
Elder Grady Cox. Ezk. 13:10, etc.
Elder Hugh Wray. Eph. Chapter 4.
Elder J. S. Sechriest. Rom. 6:1.
Elder Troy Hill. Peter 1:23.

Sunday Evening:

Elder J. B. Williams. No special text.
Elder Benny Owens. No special text.
Dismissed by Elder J. B. Williams.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Received from friends	42.00
Balance in hand of Clerk	410.81
Total	$ 962.81

Disbursements:

Allowed for printing and mailing minutes	$ 150.00
Allowed for janitor service	25.00
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Donated to Moderator	10.00
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Macedonia	Deacon T. D. Flinchum, Elder N. G. Hutchins, Sister Bessie Clark, Myrtle Hall, Alt.	4							1	7	$55.00
Aaron Fork	Deacon Charlie Moore, Bro. Will Stevens, Bro. Will Flinchum, Alt. Bro. Zeb Mabe	3							1	17	50.00
Spoon Creek	Deacon H. E. Wood, Cletus Turner, Samuel Wood, Nannie Wood, Alt.	2							1	15	70.00
Matrimony	Elders Jack Pulliam, Elijah Stowe, Sister Mabel Rhodes, Elder J. G. Gardner, Alt.	2	1							19	105.00
Pleasant Grove	Deacons O. B. Gilley, J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchins, Sister Curvie Brown, Alt.	3							1	18	40.00
Draper	Eld. A. A. Doss, Deacon Grady Clark, Bro. Thomas Pulliam, Sister Alice Chandler, Alt.	4								13	40.00
Mayodan	Eld. W. J. Puckett, Sister Veocie Goad, Bro. G. N. Roberts, Sister Georgie Thomas, Alt.	3						2		23	50.00
Russell Creek	Deacon Troy Hutchins, Eld. S. L. Gilbert, Sister Addie Smith, Sister Rena Hutchins, Alt.	1								10	40.00
Goodwill	Elders L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Deacon J. M. Thomas, Deacon J. W. Cassell, Alt.	1						4		30	60.00

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty Fourth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association held with Macedonia Church, Rockingham County, North Carolina, October 1, 2, 3, 1976.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 1, 1976

Praise and Prayer: Elder James Jones

Introductory Sermon: Elder Sam L. Gilbert. Jonah 3:1,2 Verse Followed by Elder N. G. Hutchins. No special text.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with Messengers and Visitors, and the Association was convened in conference by song and prayer by Elder J. H. Moody.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. On motion and carried called for letters from the several Churches, the letters were received and the messengers seated. Called for petitionary letters. None.
2. The Association elected Elder James G. Gardner, Moderator; Elder Sam L. Gilbert, Clerk; Cletus Turner, Assistant Clerk
3. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.
4. On motion and carried the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

   Distribute Minutes: Brother J. M. Thomas, Brother Lawson
   Finance Committee: Brother H. E. Wood and Brother Grady Clark
   Preaching Committee: A. A. Doss, J. B. Hutchins, Troy Flinchum

5. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our same Faith and Order.

Abbotts Creek: Elder J. H. Moody, Brother Mack Freeman and wife, Elder Calvin Harward, Brother Jesse Trogdon, Brother Northern Trogdon and wife, Others.

Black Creek: Elder Johnny Williams

Laurel Springs: Brother Robert Cheek and wife, Brother George Fulk and wife, Sister Nell Clifton, Sister Lela Kirkman, Elder George Flippin, Others.

Little River: Elders S. J. Saul, Allen Johnson, R. L. Fish, Sister Ogburn, Brother E. T. Jones.

Lower Country Line: Brother Walters and wife, Elder L. P. Martin, Brother Whitfield, Sister Long and many Others.

Mates Creek: No Report

Mill Branch: Brother Lundy Vaught and wife, Brother Liston Vaught and wife

New River: Brother Quesenberry, G. E. Duncan and wife, Others.

Salem: Brother Seth Biggs, Brother Wade Barham, Sister Annie Coe, Elder Farmer, Elder Claude Brown, Elder Hugh Wray, Elder O. J. Wray, Others.

Seven Mile: Elder Jack Hawkins, Brother Graham Jackson.

White Oak: Not seated at this time.

Yellow River: Brother Eugene Clay and wife, Brother O. H. Brooks.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: No Report

Macedonia Church: Elder John Simpson and wife, Brother Lake.

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder James Jones and wife, Brother Wilson Jones and wife.

6. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

7. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at ten o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder Allen Johnson

SATURDAY MORNING: October 2, 1976

The Association met according to previous arrangements, an conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder John Simpson.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for report from messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, N. G. Hutchins, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, S. L. Gilbert.

Black Creek: Elders L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert, A. A. Doss.

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Little River: Elders L. G. Stewart, James G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, A. A. Doss.

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Mates Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, W. J. Puckett, L. G. Stewart.

Mill Branch: Elders A. A. Doss, L. G. Stewart, S. L. Gilbert.

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Seven Mile: Elders L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert.

White Oak:

Yellow River: Minutes

Mewborns Church: Minutes

Macedonia Church: Minutes

Lawyers Springs Church: Minutes

Sulphur Fork Church: Minutes

12. On motion and carried the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried the Clerk retain balance on hand in the First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.

14. On motion and carried the sum of $150.00 be allowed for the printing and mailing minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand in the First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the finance committee was called on to report. They reported as follows: Received from Churches $529.00. The report was received and the committee was ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

17. On motion and carried the next association be held with the Aaron Fork Church, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1977.

18. Resolved:

We humbly express our sincere thanks to Brethern, Sisters, and friends for their labor and assistance in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting Brethern, Sisters and friends during the sitting of our Association. Also, we express our deep appreciation to the Henry County School Board for their kindness in allowing us the use of the Ridgeway School Facilities. May the Grace of our Lord be with us and the Bonds of His everlasting love keep us together until we meet again.

19. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator

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ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

Friday Evening, October 1, 1976

Elder Jack Hawkins: My word etc.
Elder Allen Johnson: Psalms: 116
Brother Jones: No Special Text
Elder S. J. Saul: No Special Text
Elder R. L. Fish: Phill. 3:20,21
Dismissed by Elder N. G. Hutchins

Saturday Morning: October 2, 1976

Introductory: Song and prayer by Elder John Simpson
Brother Cecil Quesenberry: Heb. Chapt. 4, Verse 4
Elder J. T. Jones: Isa. Chap. 14, Verse 24
Elder John Simpson: Clerk failed to get text.
Elder Clifton FArmer. "Enquire after the old Paths"
Elder Calvin Harward: 1st Chapt. Rev.

Saturday Evening:

Elder L. P. Martin: Eph. 6:14, 15, 16
Elder George Flippin: "My Doctrine Shall Drop as the Rain etc."
Elder Johnny Williams: Gen. 1st Chapt. 1, 2, 3
Dismissed by Elder Calvin Harward.

Sunday Morning: October 3, 1976

Introductory: Song and prayer by Elder J. T. Jones
Elder O. J. Wray: Isa. Chapt. 40: Verses 9, 10
Elder John Simpson: Luke Chapt. 10
Elder Hugh Wray: "O Wretched Man That I Am"
Elder Claude Brown: John Chapt. 5, Verse 15
Dismissed by Elder J. T. Jones.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from Churches	$529.00	
Balance on deposit First Union National Bank	374.64	
Total on deposit in First Union National Bank		$903.64
Disbursements:		
Allowed for printing, mailing minutes	$ 150.00	
Allowed for janitor service	25.00	
Allowed for school building	25.00	
Donated for Moderator	10.00	
Donated for Clerk	20.00	
Donated for Assistant Clerk	5.00	
Gave Visiting Ministers	354.00	
Total Disbursements		589.00
Balance on hand in First Union National Bank		$ 314.64

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ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address & Phone Number	Date of Ordination
S. J. Corn	Stuart, Va.	1961
N. G. Hutchins	Stoneville, N. C. 919-573-9586	1961
T. E. Stowe	Stoneville, N. C. 919-573-9319	1971
W. J. Puckett	Pine Hall, N. C. 919-427-0661	1940
J. G. Gardner	Stoneville, N. C. 919-573-9406	1943
I. G. Stewart	Rt. 9, Box 164, Reidsville, N. C. 919-623-3073	1959
A.A. Doss	Rt. I, Evington, Va. 804-239-2946	1951
C. R. Ball	1240 S. Askins St., Martinsville, Va. 703-632-8556	1963
Jack Pulliam,	Eden, N. C.	1930
Sam L. Gilbert	P. O. Box 4391, Winston-Salem, N. C.	1943

Licentiates:

Gordon Roberts: 607 Water St,, Eden, N. C. 919-627-1888

Hicks Meeks

CLERKS, ADDRESSES, NO. of MINUTES, MONTHS OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50. Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va., Second Sunday August

Pleasant Grove: 50. J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va., Third Sunday September

Russell Creek: 40. Addie Smith, Stuart, Va., First Sunday August

Macedonia: 50. T. D. Flinchum, Rt. 2, Box 104, Eden, N. C. Fourth Sunday May

Aaron Fork: 40. Denis S. Alley, Danbury, N. C., Third Sunday August

Goodwill: 50. L. G. Stewart, Rt. 9, Box 164, Reidsville, N. C., First Sunday July

Draper: 25. Grady Clark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Eden, N. C., Fourth Sunday September

Matrimony: 40. Mable Rhodes, Stoneville, N.C., Second Sunday July
Mayodan: 50. Veocie Goad, Mayodan, N.C., Third Sunday May

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek: W. I. Atkinson, 605 Sherbrook Dr., High Point, North Carolina 30
Black Creek: Paul Carraway, 201 Pine Burr Acres, Fuquay-Varina 20
Laurel Springs: George A. Fulk, Rt. I, Box 190, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina 20
lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, 536 Leasburg Road, Roxboro, North Carolina 20
Little River: John R. Green, 2825 Barmettler St., Raleigh,N.C. . . 20
New River: G. E. Duncan, Rt. I, Radford, Virginia 20
Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, Ransom, Kentucky 20
Mill Branch: Elder M. B. Paul, 5 Red Fox Road, Cypress Creek R.F.D. 1, Myrtle Beach,S. C. . . 20
Salem: Elder John T. Lee, 1956 Webb Ave., Burlington, N. C. . . 20
Seven Mile: Carol W. Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Springlake, N. C. . . 20
White Oak:
Yellow River: Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Route 4, Commerce, Ga. 20

RULES OF DECORUM

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Matrimony	Elder Elijah Stowe, Sister Katie Archiebold, Sister Mable Rhodes, Elder J. G. Gardner, Alt.	2								19	107.00
Pleasant Grove	Brethern J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchins, O. B. Gilley, Sister Bulah Mabe, Alt.	3								18	42.00
Draper	Brethern Grady Clark, Thomas Pulliam, Sister Alice Chandler, Benton Chaney, Alt.	4								13	50.00
Mayodan	Elder W. J. Puckett, Brother Fred Lawson, Sister Georgia Thomas, Sister Veocie Goad, Alt.	3								22	50.00
Russell Creek	Brother Troy Hutchins, Sister Addie Smith, S. L. Gilbert, Sister Rena Hutchins, Alt.	1						2	1	7	40.00
Goodwill	Brethern Lemly Cassell, J. M. Thomas, Willie Cassell, Elder L. G. Stewart, Alt.	1	1		3			3		31	60.00
Macedonia	Elder N. G. Hutchins, T. D. Flinchum, Sister Bessie Clark, Sister Myrtle Hall, Alt.								2	5	60.00

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty Fifth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, held with Aaron Fork Church, Friday, September 30, 1977 and continuing October 2, 3, 1977.

FRIDAY MORNING: September 30, 1977.

Praise and Prayer by Elder Seborn Sechriest.

Introductory Sermon by Elder W. J. Puckett.

After an intermission of about one hour, the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and the association was convened by song and prayer by Elder Woodrow Lake.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from the several churches. The letters were received and the messengers seated. Called for petionary letters. None.

2. On motion and carried the association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, moderator; Elder S. L. Gilbert, clerk ; Deacon Cletus Turner, assistant clerk.

3. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the rules of decorum.

4. On motion and carried that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Elder W. J. Puckett, Deacon Harry Wood.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Grady Clark, and J. B. Hutchins.

Preaching Committee: Messengers of Aaron Fork Church together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

5. On motion and carried that we not seat the White Oak Association today with the stipulation that at any time any of our correspondents seat the White Oak Association we will seat with them.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from sister Assocaitions of our Faith and Order.

Abbotts Creek: Elder J. H. Moody, Brother Mack Freeman, Deacons Jesse Trogden, Northern Trogden and wife, and Others.

Black Creek: Elder J. W. Williams, Elder Delbert Carraway.

Laurel Springs: Elder Troy Hill and wife, Elder George Flippin, Deacons Garvey Cheek and wife, Robert Cheek, George Fulk and wife, Brother Lonnie Pardue and wife, Sister Lela Kirkman, Others.

Little River: Elder R. L. Fish, Brother J. W. Phillips, Sister Eurice Martin, Others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brother Victor Walters, and wife, Brother Isaac Hill, Brother Everette Hill, Brother Bernard Whitfield, Sister Mildred Oakly, Sister Irene Holmes.

Mates Creek: Elder Woodrow Lake, Brother Norman Byrd, Brother H. C. Johnson.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest, Deacon G. E. Duncan and wife, Brother Dan Wade, Brother Cecil Quesenberry, Others.

Salem: Elders Claude Brown and wife, Clifton Farmer, O. J. Wray, Deacons Seth Biggs and wife, Harry Mabe and wife, Wade Barhom, Sister Annie Coe, Others.

Seven Mile: Elders Jack Hawkins, W. C. Noles, Brother Alonzo Barefoot, Others.

White Oak:

Yellow River: Elder E. H. Gunter.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Brother Bartlett and wife

Macedonia Church: No Report

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder James Jones and wife, Deacon Wilson Jones and wife.

Sulphur Fork Church: No Report.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at ten o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder Troy Hill

SATURDAY MORNING, October 1, 1977

The association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder L. P. Martin, Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited Sister Associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, L. G. Stewart, C. R. Ball

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16. On motion and carried the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $487.00 the report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

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18. Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for his watch care over us, and through and by His grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethern sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethern and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His name we pray.

19. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator

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ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

Friday Evening, September 30, 1977

Elder R. L. Fish: 16th Chapter John
Elder Jack Hawkins: Excused Himself
Elder Delbert Carraway: Gelation
Elder W. C. Noles: John 3, Chapter 1
Elder Woodrow Lake: Roman 14, Verses 10 - 14
Dismissed by Elder Jack Hawkins

Saturday Morning, October 1, 1977

Introductory: Song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin
Elder Sebron Sechriest: 7th Chapter
Elder J. T. Jones: Gen. 2nd Chapter 18th Verse

Saturday Evening:

Elder J. W. Williams: 23rd Psalm
Elder L. P. Martin: 33rd Chapter Deut.
Elder George Flippen: Remarks
Elder E. H. Gunter: Failed to get text
Dismissed by Elder Clifton Farmer

Sunday Morning, October 2, 1977

Introductory: Song and Prayer by Elder E. H. Gunter
Elder Dan Wade: St. John 23rd Chapter
Elder W. C. Edwards: St. Paul 1st Chapter, 1st Verse
Elder Lonnie Pardue: Failed to get text
Elder Mack Freeman: Psalms 2nd Chapter 1st Verse

Sunday Evening

Elder Cecil Quesenberry: No special text
Elder O. J. Wray, Jr.: No Law No Son
Elder Troy Hill: Isa. 50-51 Verse
Elder Jimmie Gardner: No special text
Dismissed by Elder S. L. Gilbert

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from First Union Bank	$315.26	
Received from Churches	487.00	
Total		$802.26

Disbursements:

Donated for Moderator	$ 10.00	
Donated for Clerk	20.00	
Donated for Assistant Clerk	5.00	
Donated Visiting Ministers	340.00	
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Total Disbursements		$525.00
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W. J. Puckett	Pine Hall, N. C. 919-427-0661	1940

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7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: received and applied by faith alone.

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Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith:"God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph.1:11;Heb.6:7; Rom.9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of secondary causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appeals His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured to their (Thess. 1:4, 5:2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Relation	Res't. to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Draper	Elder Gordon Roberts, Deacon Grady Clark, Elder Albert Doss, Sis. Alice Chandler, Alt.	4		1			1			13	51.00
Matrimony	Sister Katie Archiebold, Bro. Robert Dryer, Elder Elijah Stowe, Sis. Mabel Rhodes, Alt.	2					2			17	83.00
Macedonia	Deacon T. D. Flinchum, Sister Bessie Clark Sister Myrtle Hall	4								5	55.00
Pleasant Grove	Deacons J. T. Manrino, O. B. Gilley, J. B. Hutchens Sister Mattie Sue Martin, Alt.	3								18	45.00
Russell Creek	Deacon Troy Hutchins, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Sister Addie Smith, Sister Rena Hutchens, Alt.	1								7	43.00
Aaron Fork	Deacon Charlie Moore, Bros. Will Stevens, Dennis Alley, Sister Nannie Lawson, Alt.	3							2	11	50.00
Goodwill	Deacon Willie Cassell, Deacon J. M. Thomas, Elder L. G. Stewart, Elder A. A. Doss, Alt.	1						1	1	29	60.00
Spoon Creek	Bros. Harry Wood, Cletus Turner, Samuel Wood, Sister Nannie Wood, Alt.	2								15	50.00
Mayodan	Deacon Fred Lawson, Elder J. W. Puckett, Sister Veocie Goad, Sister Lucy Lawson, Alt.	3					1			20	50.00

Mayodan, N. C.
November 20, 1976

By the request of Mayodan Primitive Baptist Church of Christ, a Presbytery of Elders and Deacons was called together on the third Saturday night of November, 1976, for the purpose of inquiring into the qualification of Brother Gordon N. Roberts for the office of Elder. The service was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. G. Stewart. The Presbytery was organized by electing Elder J. G. Gardner moderator. Deacon Grady Clark was elected Clerk. Elder W. J. Puckett was elected to inquire into the qualification of Brother Roberts. Elder J. G. Gardner was elected to pray the ordination prayer. Elder L. G. Stewart was elected to deliver the Charge. Deacon Fred Lawson was elected spokesman for the Church. The organization of the Presbytery being completed, Deacon Lawson delivered Brother Roberts into the hands of the Presbytery. Then Elder W. J. Puckett inquired into the qualifications of Brother Roberts asking him all necessary questions that he felt to ask him. All other members of the Presbytery asked him all questions that the Lord laid on their hearts and mind to ask him. The Presbytery felt that Brother Roberts was blessed by the God of all Grace to answer all questions satisfactorily. And the Presbytery manifested that they were satisfied and were willing to proceed by the laying on of hands. The ordination prayer was delivered by Elder J. G. Gardner. The Charge was delivered by Elder L. G. Stewart. Then the Moderator asked Mayodan Church if they were willing to accept the work that had been done by the Presbytery. The Church said it was willing to accept the work done by the Presbytery. Then Deacon Fred Lawson delivered Elder Gordon N. Roberts back into the hands of Mayodan Church. Done by the Order of Mayodan Church, November 20, 1976. Elder J. G. Gardner moderator of the Presbytery. Grady Clark, clerk of the Presbytery. The Elders and Deacons that were present and of which did lay hands on Brother Roberts are here as signed:

Elders	Deacons
J. G. Gardner	I. K. Newman
L. G. Stewart	T. D. Flinchum
W. J. Puckett	Grady Clark
T. E. Stowe	Fred L. Lawson

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MINUTES

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Forty Sixth

Annual Session

of the

LOWER MAYO

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1978

Held with Spoon Creek, Patrick County

Virginia, Beginning on Friday before the

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thru October 1, 1978

Next Session, the Lord willing, will convene with the church of Matrimony on the grounds of Russell Creek Church on Friday before the First Sunday in October 1979 and continue three days.

Officers

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Stoneville, N. C. Phone 573-9406

ELDER SAM L. GILBERT, Clerk
P. O. Box 4391, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105
Phone 767-0917

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Bassett, Virginia

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty Sixth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, held with Spoon Creek Church, Friday, September 29, 1978 and continuing October 1, 1978.

FRIDAY MORNING: September 29, 1978

Praise and Prayer by Elder Seborn Sechriest.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. G. Gardner.

First Corinthians, Fifteenth Chapter.

After an intermission of about one hour the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors and the association was convened in song and prayer by Elder Woodrow Lake.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, moderator; Elder S. L. Gilbert, clerk; Deacon Cletus Turner, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the rules of decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Brother Troy Hutchins, Brother J. M. Thomas

Finance Committee: Deacons Charlie Moore and Harry Wood.

Preaching Committee: Messenger of Spoon Creek Church together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried that we seat the White Oak Association.

7. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbotts Creek: Elders Calvin Harward, James Moody, Brother Wilber Martin, Joe Garner.

Black Creek: Elder J. B. Williams, and Wife.

Laurel Springs: Elders George Flippen, Lonnie Pardue, and Wife, Brother Henry Hawks, Deacons Garvey Cheek and Wife, Robert Cheek, Deacon George Fulk and Wife, Sister Opeline Felts, Sister Lela Kirkman.

Little River: Elder R. L. Fish, Brother J. W. Phillips, Sister Pauline Adams, and Sister Eurice Martin, and others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Deacons Everette Hill, Bernard Whitfield and others.

Mates Creek: Elders Woodrow Lake and Wife, Charlie Whitt and Wife, and Sister Ida Bell.

Mill Branch: No report.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest, Brother G. E. Duncan and Wife, and Brother A. E. Smith and Wife, and Others.

Salem: Elders John T. Lee, Hugh Wray, Junior Wray, Claude Brown and Wife, Harry Dagenhart, Brother Seth Biggs and Wife, and Others.

Seven Mile: Elder Jack Hawkins, Brother Graham Jackson, and others.

White Oak: Elder H. A. Young and Deacon E. J. Davis.

Yellow River: Elder E. H. Gunter.

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Lawyers Springs Church: Elder James Jones and Wife.

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8. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

9. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder James Jones

SATURDAY MORNING, September 30, 1978

The association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder George Flippin. Then proceeded to business as follows:

10. Called for messengers who visited Sister Associations.

11. On motion and carried the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

12. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

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Elder Woodrow Lake: 22nd Chapter Isa. Verses 21 - 25
Elder R. L. Fish: Eph. Ist Chapter Verses 1 - 5
Elder James Moody: All Things Work Together, etc.
Dismissed by Elder Sebron Sechriest

Saturday Morning: September 30, 1978

Introductory: Elder L. P. Martin
Elder Sebron Sechriest: Jerm. 1st Chapter Verses 4 - 8
Elder L. P. Martin: 1st Chapter Jude, Verses 24-25

Saturday Evening:

Elder J. W. Williams: No special text
Elder Calvin Harward: 2nd Chapter John, Verse 2
Elder Jack Hawkins: "My Council Shall Stand"
Elder George Flippin: Asked to be excused
Elder Sidney Rakes: Failed to get text
Dismissed by Elder Junior Wray

Sunday Morning: October 1, 1978

Introductory: Brother Mack Freeman
Elder Charlie Whitt: No special text
Elder E. H. Gunter: 17th Chapter John, Verse 17
Elder Arthur Young: "Brethern Love One Another"
Elder J. T. Jones: Clerk failed to get text

Sunday Evening:

Elder Hugh Wray: Failed to get text
Elder Lonnie Pardue: Dust Thou Art and to Dust Thou Shalt Return
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6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: received and applied by faith alone.

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Matrimony	Elder J. G. Gardner, Deacons Robert Dyer, Jimmie Martin, Mabel Rhodes, Alt.	2								17	$102.00
Pleasant Grove	Deacons J. T. Manrino, J. B. Hutchens, Sisters Mattie Sue Martin, Naomi Doss, Alt.	3							1	17	55.00
Draper	Deacon Grady Clark, Elder Gordon Roberts, Bro. Clarence Pruitt, Sister Helen Roberts, Alt.	4	1		1			1	1	13	55.00
Mayodan	Elder W. J. Puckett Sister Leora Bell, Deacon Fred Lawson, Sister Veocie Goad, Alt.	3	1						1	20	51.00
Russell Creek	Deacon Troy Hutchins, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Sister Addie Smith, Sister Rena Hutchins, Alt.	1	1						1	7	40.00
Goodwill	Elder C. R. Ball, Deacon Willie Cassell, Deacon J. M. Thomas, Deacon J. D. Cassell, Alt.	1	1		1		2		1	28	60.00
Macedonia	Elder Gordon Robert's, Deacon T. D. Flinchum, Sister Bessie Clark, Sister Myrtle Hall, Alt.	4								5	60.00
Aaron Fork	Deacon Charlie Moore, Bro. Will Stevens, Bro. Dennis Alley, Sister Bessie Berge, Alt.	3								11	50.00
Spoon Creek	Bro. Harry Wood, Bro. Samuel Wood, Bro. Cletus Turner, Sister Katty Coleman, Alt.	2								15	80.00

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MINUTES

of the

FORTY-SEVENTH

Annual Session

of the

LOWER MAYO
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1979

Held with MATRIMONY CHURCH on the grounds of
RUSSELL CREEK CHURCH, Beginning on Friday before the
first Sunday in October, and continuing
thru October 7, 1979.

Next Session, the Lord willing, will convene with
the Church of Pleasant Grove
beginning on Friday before the
first Sunday in October, 1980 and continuing
three days.

Officers

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, held with MATRIMONY Church, Friday and Saturday, October 5, 6 and continuing through Sunday October 7, 1979.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 5, 1979

Praise and Prayer by Elder Sidney Rakes. Introductory Sermon by Elder A. A. Doss, 10th Chapter of John, Verses 4-5. Elder C. R. Ball, Alternate; 2nd Chapter Ephesians, Verses 8, 9, 10.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors and the Association was convened in song and prayer by Elder Sebron Sechriest.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried, omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried, that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Brother Willie Cassell, Jimmy Martin.

Finance Committee: Brother R. L. Dyer and Harry Wood.

Preaching Committee: Messenger of Matrimony Church together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Brothers Troy Hutchins, Tom Manering and Charlie Moore.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbotts Creek: Elders Calvin Harward, Oscar Hunt, Brother Wilber Martin, Reece Gallimore, Jesse Torgwom.

Black Creek: No Report.

Laurel Springs: Elders George Flippen, Lonnie Perdue, and Wife, Rosie Clifton, Deacons Garvey Cheek and Wife, Gertie Bunn, Deacon Goerge Fulk and Wife, Sister Opeline Felts, Sister Lela Kirkman, Lora Newman.

Little River: Elder R. L. Fish, Elder S. J. Sauls, Brother J. W. Phillips, Sister Eris Martin.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brother Lonnie Hill, W. A. Wheeler, Sister Odell Claton and Others.

Mates Creek: Sister Madge Graham.

Mills Branch: Sisters Thelma Genrette, Ester Harrelson, Rachel Gore, Eunice James.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest, Brother G. E. Duncan and Wife, Brother Dan Wade and Wife, Brother Claton Bonds and Wife, Nannie Phillips.

Salem: Brother M. A. Apple and Wife, Junior Wray, Claude Brown, Brother Seth Biggs and Wife and Robert Hawkins and Wife.

Seven Mile: Brother Graham Jackson and Wife.

White Oak: Elder H. A. Young and Brother Furney Davis.

Yellow River: No Report.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborn Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder Jimmy Jones and Wife, Brother Wilson Jones and Wife.

Sulphur Fork Church: Minutes.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder S. J. Sauls.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 6, 1979

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder Mack Freeman.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited Sister Associations.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: Elders James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, C. R. Ball, H. H. Meeks.

Black Creek: Elders Gardner, C. R. Ball, H. H. Meeks.

Laurel Springs: Elders James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, C. R. Ball, H. H. Meeks.

Little River: Elder James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, H. H. Meeks.

Lower Country Line: Elders James Gardner, H. H. Meeks, C. R. Ball, Gordon Roberts.

Mates Creek: Elders C. R. Ball, H. H. Meeks, James Gardner.

Mill Branch: Elders James Gardner, C. R. Ball, Gordon Roberts, H. H. Meeks.

New River: Elders C. R. Ball, H. H. Meeks, James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, A. A. Doss.

Salem: Elders James Gardner, A. A. Doss, C. R. Ball, Gordon Roberts, H. H. Meeks.

Seven Mile: C. R. Ball, H. H. Meeks, Gordon Roberts.

White Oak: Elders C. R. Ball, H. H. Meeks, Gordon Roberts, James Gardner.

Yellow River: Minutes.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

Lawyer Springs: Minutes.

Sulphur Fork: Minutes.

12. On motion and carried, the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the Clerk close balance on hand in the First Union National Bank of Winston-Salem, N.C.

14. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 be allowed for the printing and mailing of the minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand in the First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County.

15. On motion and carried, the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $573.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Pleasant Grove, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continue Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1980.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethern, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethern and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His Name we pray.

18. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator

DEACON CLETUS TURNER, Clerk

ELDER A. A. DOSS, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

Friday Evening: October 5, 1979

Elder R. L. Fish: Chapter 45, Verse 7 of Isaiah
Elder S. J. Sauls: Chapter 13, Verse 8 of Jeremiah
Elder Claude Brown: 1st Chapter, 49th Verse of Luke

Dismissed by Elder Jimmy Jones

Saturday Morning: October 6, 1979

Elder Artha Young: 1st Chapter John
Elder Calvin Harward: 25th Chapter, 40th Verse of St. Matthew
Elder L. P. Martin: 19th Verse of 31 Psalms

Saturday Evening:

Elder Jimmy Jones: 14th Chapter, 5th Verse of Proverbs
Elder Junior Wray: No special text
Elder George Flippin: Great Speckled Bird
Elder Sidney Rakes: 1st Chapter Jude

Dismissed by Elder Lonnie Perdue

Sunday Morning: October 7, 1979

Services opened by Elder H. H. Meeks
Elder Mack Freeman: 5th Chapter of Romans
Elder Walter Branch: No special text
Elder Lonnie Perdue: 20th Chapter Acts; Verse 26
Elder S. L. Gilbert: I Saw A River
Elder Jimmy Gardener: Wonderful Remarks

Dismissed by Elder A. A. Doss

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from First Union Bank	$167.04
Received from Churches	573.00
Total	$740.04

Disbursements:

Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated to Clerk	20.00
Donated to Assistant Clerk	5.00
Donated to Visiting Ministers	338.00
Allowed for Printing Minutes	200.00
Total Disbursements	$573.00
Balance on hand in First National Bank of Martinsville & Henry County	167.04

ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name — Address	Date of Ordination
C. R. Ball, 1240 Askin St., Martinsville, Va. 703-632-8556	1963
Sam L. Gilbert, Box 4391, Winston-Salem, N.C. 767-0917	1943
Gordon Roberts, 607 Water St., Eden, N.C. 919-627-1888	1976
Hick Meeks, Rt. 1, Ridgeway, Va. 956-2305	1977
T. E. Stowe, Stoneville, N.C. 919-573-9319	1971
W. J. Puckette, Pine Hall, N.C. 919-427-0661	1940
J. G. Gardner, Stoneville, N.C. 919-573-9406	1943
A. A. Doss, Rt. 1, Evington, Va. 804-821-2946	1951

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek: W. I. Atkinson, 605 Sherbrook Dr., High Point, N.C. 30

Black Creek: Paul Carraway, 201 Pine Burr Acres, Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 20

Laurel Springs: George A. Fulk, Rt. 1, Box 190, Pilot Mountain, N.C. 20

Little River: John R. Green, 2825 Barmettler St., Raleigh N.C. 20

Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, 536 Leasburg Rd, Roxboro, N.C. 20

New River: G. E. Duncan, Route 1, Radford, Virginia 20

Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, Ransom, Kentucky 20

Mill Branch: Elder M. B. Paul, 5 Red Fox Road, Cypress Creek, R.F.D. 1, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 20

Salem: Elder John T. Lee, 1956 Webb Ave., Burlington, N.C. 20

Seven Mile: Carol W. Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N.C. 20

White Oak:

Yellow River: Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Rt. 4, Commerce, Ga. 20

CLERKS, ADDRESS, NO. OF MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va., 40, Second Sunday in August

Pleasant Grove: J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va., 40, Third Sunday in September

Russell Creek: Addie Smith, Stuart, Va., 30, First Sunday in August.

Mayodan: Veocie Goad, 40, Third Sunday in May.

Macedonia: T. D. Flinchum, 113 Adams St., Eden, N.C., 40, Fourth Sunday in May

Aaron Fork: Dennis Alley, Danbury, N.C., 30, Third Sunday in August

Goodwill: J. D. Cassell, Bassett, Va., 40, First Sunday in July.

Draper: Helen O. Roberts, 607 Water St., Eden, N.C., 30, Fourth Sunday in September

Matrimony: Mabel Rodes, Rt. 3, Stoneville, N.C., 40, Second Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of this Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

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Draper	Brothers Clarence Pruitt, Gordon Roberts; Sister Helen Roberts and Brother A. A. Doss, Alt.	4							1	13	$55.00
Mayodan	Elder W. J. Puckett, Deacon Fred Lawson; Sister Veocie B. Goad, Alt.	3								20	$50.00
Russell Creek	Sisters Addie Smith and Rena Hutchens; Deacon Troy Hutchens and Elder S. L. Gilbert, Alt.	1								7	$40.00
Goodwill	Deacons J. D. Cassell, J. M. Thomas, J. W. Cassell; Elder A. A. Doss, Alt.	1				1		1		28	$75.00
Macedonia	Elder Gordon Roberts; Sisters Bessie Clark and Myrtle Hall. Deacon T. D. Flinchum, Alt.	4								5	$60.00
Aaron Fork	Deacon Charlie Moore, Brother Dennis S. Alley; Sisters Nina Goad and Nannie Lawson, Alt.	3							1	10	$50.00
Spoon Creek	Brothers Harry Wood, Sammy Hazelwood; Sister Nannie Wood and Brother Cletus Turner, Alt.	2							1	14	$80.00
Matrimony	Deacons Robert Dyer, Jimmie Martin; Elder J. G. Gardner; Sister Mabel Rhodes, Alt.	2								17	$108.00

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, held with Pleasant Grove Church, Friday and Saturday, October 3, 4 and continuing through Sunday October 5, 1980.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 3, 1980

Praise and Prayer by Elder Seborn Sechriest. Introductory Sermon by Elder C. R. Ball. 4th Chapter of Ephesians, Verse 5, 6. Alternate S. L. Gilbert, No Special Text.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors and the Association was convened in song and prayer by Brother Mack Freeman.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried, omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried, that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Brother J. M. Thomas, Jimmy Martin.

Finance Committee: Brother R. L. Dyer and Harry Wood.

Preaching Committee: Messenger of Pleasant Grove Church together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Brothers Troy Hutchins, Tom Manering, Charlie Moore and Bill Hutchens.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbots Creek: Elders Calvin Harward, Brothers Joe Garner, Wilber Martin, Reece Gallimore and W. M. Freeman.

Black Creek: No Report.

Laurel Springs: Elders George Flippen, Lonnie Perdue and Wife, John Clifton, Henry Hawks, Gertie Bunn, Deacon George Fulk and Wife, Sister Lela Kirkman, Sister Troy Hill.

Little River: Elder R. L. Fish, Elder S. J. Sauls, Brother J. W. Phillips.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brother Lonnie Hill, W. A. Wheeler, Sister Odell Claton and Others.

Mates Creek: Elder Woodrow Lake and Wife.

Mills Branch: Sisters Thelma Genrette, Ester Harrelson, Rachel Gore, Mary James, J. D. Wright and Wife.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest, Brother G. E. Duncan and Wife, Brother Dan Wade and Wife, Brother Claton Bonds and Wife.

Salem: Brother M. A. Apple and Wife, Junior Wray, Claude Brown, Brother Seth Biggs and Wife and Brother Harry Mabe and Wife.

Seven Mile: Brother Graham Jackson and Wife.

White Oak: Elder Dewey Humphrey and Wife.

Yellow River: No Report.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborn Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: W. C. Lake.

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder Jimmy Jones and Wife and Sister Mary Louise Jones.

Sulphur Fork Church: Minutes.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder Calvin Harward

SATURDAY MORNING, October 4, 1980

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Brother G. E. Duncan.

The proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited Sister Associations.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

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Black Creek: Elders Gardner, C. R. Ball, Gordon Roberts.

Laurel Springs: Elders James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, C. R. Ball.

Little River: Elder James Gardner, C. R. Ball.

Lower Country Line: Elders James Gardner, A. A. Doss, C. R. Ball, Gordon Roberts.

Mates Creek: Elders C. R. Ball, James Gardner.

Mill Branch: Elders James Gardner, Gordon Roberts.

New River: Elders C. R. Ball, James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, A. A. Doss.

Salem: Elders James Gardner, A. A. Doss, C. R. Ball, Gordon Roberts.

Seven Mile: Elders J. G. Gardner, Gordon Roberts.
White Oak: Elders C. R. Ball, A. A. Doss, James Gardner.
Yellow River: C. R. Ball.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.
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12. On motion and carried, the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carrried, the sum of $200.00 be allowed for the printing and mailing of the minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand in the First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Draper Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continue Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1981.

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Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin

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ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

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Elder Seborn Sechriest: 1 Ch., 1 & 2 Verse, Titus
Elder Calvin Harward: His Friends

Dismissed by Elder Junior Wray

Saturday Morning: October 4, 1980

Elder Elbert Kirkman: No Special Text
Elder L. P. Martin: 5 Ch. Ephesians, 13 Verse
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Elder Claude Brown: 9 Ch., 15 Verse, Roman
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Brother George Balock: No Special Text

Dismissed by Elder Dewey Humphrey

Sunday Morning: October 5, 1980

Services opened by Elder L. G. Stewart
Elder Jimmy Jones: 1st Ch., 15 Cor.; 19 Verse
Elder George Flippin: 7 Ch. Ecc., 14 Verse
Elder Dewey Humphrey: 10 Ch. John, 4 Verse

Sunday Evening: October 5, 1980

Elder Alex Payne: No Special Text
Elder Lonnie Perdue: 119 Psalms, 96 Verse
Elder Walter Branch: No Special Text
Elder Jimmy Gardener: Wonderful Remarks

Dismissed by Elder George Flippin

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STATISTICAL TABLE

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OBITUARY OF ELDER SAM GILBERT

With great fear, I will try to write the obituary of this lovely Brother and Elder, to wit, Sam L. Gilbert. Elder Gilbert passed away about 8:30 A.M. on December 29th, 1980. Brother Gilbert was a faithful member. An able Elder among us. He served Pleasant Grove and Russell Creek Churches for many years as their Pastor. He also served State Road Church in Laurel Spring Association and a Church in White Oak Association. Also, Elder Gilbert was elected to serve as Clerk of Lower Mayo Association, October 3, 1958. He was a wonderful Clerk and served as long as his health would permit.

Brother Sam was married to Blanche White, and to this union was born one son, Davis Gilbert and two grandsons of Winston-Salem; one sister and three brothers, all of Winston-Salem.

Blanche passed away a few weeks after Brother Sam. I believe Blanche was truly Brother Sam's given companion, I am sure she suffered the burden of all of Brother Sam's undertakings about the Church and the Brothers in general.

This writer fully realizes that God moves in His mysterious way. My great desire is that God Almighty would Bless you, together with me, with that understanding to read this obituary of Elder Gilbert and think back of the many times we basked in the Sunshine of the Heavenly Love.

We believe both Brother Sam's and Blanche's bodies are at rest in the grave at Winston-Salem. But their Spirit has gone back to God who gave it.

I just hinted at what I wanted to write, but hope God will give you to think of this Brother, and I believe Sister, in the true Spirit in which they lived.

Written by: A Brother I hope,
Cletus Turner
Clerk of Lower Mayo Association

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, held with Draper Church, Friday and Saturday, October 2, 3 and continuing through Sunday, October 4, 1981.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 2, 1981

Praise and Prayer by Elder David Minter. Introductory Sermon by Elder Gordon Roberts, 2 Corinthians, 5th ch., verse 1. Alternate Hicks Meeks, 43 ch. Isaiah.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors and the Association was convened in song and prayer by Brother Ray Payne.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried, omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Brother J. M. Thomas, Charlie Moore.

Finance Committee: Brother R. L. Dyer and Harry Wood.

Preaching Committee: Messenger of Draper Church together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Brother J. D. Cassell.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbots Creek: Elders Calvin Harward, W. M. Freeman, Chester Taylor, Clifford King, Joe Robbins.

Black Creek: J. B. Williams, Rachel Lucas.

Laurel Springs: Elders George Flippen, Lonnie Perdue and Wife, Deacon George Fulk and Wife, and others.

Little River: Elder R. L. Fish, Elder S. J. Sauls, Brother J. W. Phillips.

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Mates Creek: Elder Woodrow Lake and Wife.

Mills Branch: J. D. Wright.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest and Wife, Clayton Bonds and Wife, G. E. Duncan and Wife, Elbert Kirkman and Others.

Salem: Elder Junior Wray, M. A. Apple and Wife, Seth Biggs and Wife, Wade Barrom.

Seven Mile: Brother Graham Jackson and Wife, Elder Jack Hawkins.

White Oak: Minutes.

Yellow River: Eugene Gunter.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborn Church: No Report.

Macedonia Church: No Report.

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder Jimmy Jones and Wife, Clarence Kerns and Wife.

Sulphur Fork Church: No Report.

Crooked Creek Church: No Report.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by W. J. Puckett

SATURDAY MORNING: October 3, 1981

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited Sister Association.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

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12. On motion and carried, the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 be allowed for the printing and mailing of the Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand in the First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Mayodan Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1982.

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16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $741.72. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by Elder Calvin Harward

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Friday Evening: October 2, 1981

Elder Woodrow Lake: Deuteronomy 22 Ch., 9-11 Verse
Elder J. B. Williams: Children have any meat
Elder R. L. Fish: 23 Psalms, 4th Verse
Elder S. J. Sauls: No special text

Dismissed by Brother Marvin Rice

Saturday Morning: October 3, 1981

Elder Eugene Gunter: 2 Cor. 4th Ch., 3 Verse
Elder Seborn Sechriest: 133 Psalms
Elder Sidney Rakes: Genesis 37 Ch., 3 Verse
Elder L. P. Martin: 1 Ch. Galatians, 18 Verse

Saturday Evening: October 3, 1981

Elder Calvin Harward: 40 Psalms, 1-3 Verse
Elder C. S. Farmer: He has made us as sheep of this pasture
Elder Jack Hawkins: No special text
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Bro. Ray Payne: No special text
Eld. Lester Stuart: Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden
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Mayodan	Deacon Ernest Hopkins, Eld. W. J. Puckett, Sister Veocie Goad and Sister Georgia Thomas, Alternate	3								21	$55.00
Russell Creek	Deacon Troy Hutchens, Sister Addie Smith, and Rena Hutchens, Sister Lala Smith, Alt.	1								7	$55.00
Goodwill	Bro. J. D. Cassell, Eld. C. R. Ball, Bro. J. M. Thomas and Elder D. P. Minter, Alt.	1			1					28	$100.00
Macedonia	Bro. Fred Cobb, Sister Bessie Clark, Elder Gordon Roberts	4			1				1	4	$60.00
Aaron Fork	Deacon Charlie Moore, Bro. Dennis Alley, Sister Nina Goad, Sister Nannie Lawson, Alt.	3								10	$50.00
Spoon Creek	Bro. Harry Wood, Bro. Cletus Turner, Sister Nannie Wood, Sister Katie Coleman, Alt.	2					2		1	11	$110.00
Matrimony	Deacon Robert Dyer, Jimmie Martin, Sister Mabel Rhodes, Elder J. G. Gardner, Alt.	2			1					17	$140.00
Pleasant Grove	Deacon J. B. Hutchens, Sister Mattie Sue Martin, Leala Moore, Sister Curvie Brown, Alt.	3			2				1	14	$60.00
Draper	Eld. Gordon Roberts, Bro. Sam Wood, Sister Helen Roberts and Sister Fedalia Wood, Alt.	4		2						13	$100.00

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MINUTES

of the

FIFTIETH

Annual Session

of the

LOWER MAYO
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1982

Held with Mayodan Church
on Russell Creek Church Ground,
Beginning on Friday before the
First Sunday in October, and continuing
Through October 3, 1982

Next Session, the Lord willing, will convene with
Russell Creek Church
Beginning on Friday before the
First Sunday in October, 1983 and continuing
Three days.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fiftieth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, entertained by Mayodan Church on Russell Creek Grounds, Beginning on October 1st, 2nd, and continuing through Sunday, October 3, 1982.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 1, 1982

Praise and Prayer by Eld. Wade Johnson, Introductory Sermon by Elds. H. H. Meeks, 1 Ch. Eph., 1st verse-5th, Jake Puckett, No special text. Alternate Elder David Minter, No special text.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors and the Association was convened in song and prayer by Elder Woodrow Lake.

The proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried, omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Bro. Troy Hutchens, Tom Manring.

Finance Committee: Brother R. L. Dyer and Jimmy Martin.

Preaching Committee: A. A. Doss, Roy Joyce, Gordon Roberts, Charlie Moore.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbots Creek: W. M. Freeman and Wife, Eva Pierce and others.

Black Creek: J. B. Williams.

Laurel Springs: Ray Payne, George Flippin and Wife, Nellie Marion, Deacon George Fulk and Wife, and others.

Little River: No Report.

Lower Country Line: Roxie Washington, George Balock and Wife, Victor Walters and Wife, W. A. Wheeler.

Mates Creek: Elder Woodrow Lake and Wife.

Mills Branch: J. D. Wright, Eld. L. G. Mishoe and Wife, Leslie Davis.

New River: Eld. Seborn Sechriest, Claton Bonds and Wife, G. E. Duncan and Wife, A. E. Smith and Wife, Others.

Salem: Junior Wray, Henry Tate, Bro. Marvin Rice, Robert Hawkins and Wife, Eld. L. G. Stewart.

Seven Miles: Bro. Graham Jackson, Eld. Jack Hawkins, Robert Gauldin.

White Oak: No Report.

Yellow River: Sister Bobby Bentley.

Union Association: Elder Wade Johnson and Wife, Elwood Spell, Sister Pipkins.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborn Church: No Report.

Macedonia Church: John Simpson.

Lawyers Springs Church: Elder Jimmy Jones and Wife, Clarence Kerns and Wife.

Sulphur Fork Church: No Report.

Crooked Creek Church: No Report.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Eld. L. G. Mishoe

SATURDAY MORNING: October 2, 1982

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Eld. John Simpson.

The proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited Sister Association.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: Elders James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, C. R. Ball.

Black Creek: Elder Gardner.

Laurel Springs: Elders James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, C. R. Ball, Cletus Turner.

Little River: Elder James Gardner, C. R. Ball.

Lower Country Line: Elders James Gardner, A. A. Doss, Gordon Roberts, Cletus Turner.

Mates Creek: C. R. Ball, James Gardner, Gordon Roberts.

Mill Branch: Elders James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, C. R. Ball.

New River: Elders C. R. Ball, James Gardner, Gordon Roberts, A. A. Doss.

Salem: Elders James Gardner, A. A. Doss, C. R. Ball, Gordon Roberts.

Seven Mile: C. R. Ball, Elders J. G. Gardner, Gordon Roberts.

White Oak: Elders C. R. Ball, A. A. Doss, James Gardner.

Yellow River: C. R. Ball, Cletus Turner.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

Lawyer Springs: Minutes.

Sulphur Fork: Minutes.

Crooked Creek Church: Minutes.

12. On motion and carried, the Clerk will be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand in the First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Russell Creek Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1983.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethren and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His Name we pray.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $763.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin

Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator
Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk
Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

Friday Evening: October 1, 1982

Elder Woodrow Lake: Romans 6 Ch., 1st Verse
Elder Jack Hawkins: 1st Ch. Revelation
Elder Junior Wray: Kingdom of God
Elder Elbert Kirkman: No special text

Dismissed by Elder L. G. Mishoe

Saturday Morning: October 2, 1982

Elder L. G. Mishoe: 2 Ch. Ephesians Begin at 4th Verse
Elder Sidney Rakes: 1 Peter, 2nd Ch., 9th Verse
Elder Seborn Sechriest: Colossians 1st Ch., 12th Verse
Elder George Flippin: 5th Ch. Romans Begin at 14th Verse

Saturday Evening: October 2, 1982

Elder L. P. Martin: 4th Verse, 2nd Ch., Song of Solomon
Elder Claude Brown: 47th Ch. Ezekiel
Elder C. S. Farmer: Excused Self

Dismissed by Elder G. E. Duncan

Sunday Morning: October 3, 1982

Services opened by Cecil Quesenberry
Elder Wade Johnson: No special text
Elder Jimmy Jones: Failed to get Ch.
Elder John Simpson: Failed to get text
Bro. W. M. Freeman: 20th Ch. Revelation, 11th Verse
Elder Walter Branch: No special text
Elder John Williams: Failed to get text

Sunday Evening: October 3, 1982

Bro. G. E. Duncan: 8th Ch. Romans
Bro. George Blalock: Asked to be excused
Bro. Ray Payne: Grace of God bring Salvation to all Men
Elder Alex Payne: All things work together
Elder Lester Stewart: 17th Ch. Samuel, 29th Verse
Elder Lonnie Pardue: Peter 1 letter, 1 Ch., 22 Verse

Dismissed by Elder George Flippin

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in First National Bank of Mart. & Henry Co.	$167.04
Received from Churches	763.00
Total	$930.04
Disbursements:	
Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated to Clerk	20.00
Donated to Assistant Clerk	5.00
Donated to Visiting Ministers	512.83
Allowed for Printing Minutes	200.00
Miscellaneous	15.17
Total Disbursements	$763.00
Balance on hand in First Nat. Bank of Mart. & Henry Co.	$167.04

ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name — Address	Date of Ordination
W. J. Puckette, Pine Hall, N.C. Ph. 919-427-0661	1940
J. G. Gardner, Stoneville, N.C. Ph. 919-573-9406	1943
A. A. Doss, Rt. 1, Box 542, Evington, Va. Ph. 804-821-2946	1951
C. R. Ball, 1420 South Askin St., Martinsville, Va. Ph. 703-632-8556	1963
David Minter, Box 3091, Martinsville, Va. Ph. 703-632-8718	1981
Gordon Roberts, 607 Water St., Eden, N.C. Ph. 919-627-1888	1976
Hick Meeks, Rt. 1, Ridgeway, Va. Ph. 703-956-2305	1977

Licentiates:

Bro. Roy Joyce, Rt. 1, Fieldale, Va.
Ph. 703-673-1336

Bro. Fred Cobb, Rt. 1, Box 210, Ruffin, N.C. 27326
Ph. 919-939-2969

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek: W. I. Atkinson, 605 Sherbrook Dr., High Point, N.C. 30

Black Creek: Paul Carraway, 201 Pine Burr Acres, Fuqua-Varina, N.C.....20

Laurel Springs: Ray Payne, Rt. 1, Box 720, Dobson, N.C. 27017 ...30

Little River: John R. Green, 2825 Barmettler St., Raleigh, N.C. ...40

Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, 5536 Leasburg Rd., Roxboro, N.C.....20

New River: G. E. Duncan, Route 1, Radford, Virginia 20

Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, Ransom, Kentucky 20

Mill Branch: Elder M. B. Saul, 5 Red Fox Road, Cypress Creek, R.F.D. 1, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 20

Salem: Elder John T. Lee, 1956 Webb Ave., Burlington, N.C. 20

Seven Mile: Carol W. Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N.C. 20

White Oak: Bro. Virgil E. Davis, Rt. 4, Box 455, Elcamino Ave., Grand Bay, Ala. 36541.....20

Yellow River: Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Rt. 4, Commerce, Ga. 20

CLERKS, ADDRESSES, NO. OF MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va., 40, Second Sunday in August

Pleasant Grove: J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va., 40, Third Sunday in September

Russell Creek: Addie Smith, Stuart, Va., 30, First Sunday in August.

Mayodan: Veocie Goad, 40, Third Sunday in May.

Macedonia: Bessie Clark, Rt. #2, B-76, Eden, N.C., 40, Fourth Sunday in May

Aaron Fork: Dennis Alley, Danbury, N.C., 30, Third Sunday in August

Goodwill: J. D. Cassell, Bassett, Va., 40, First Sunday in July.

Draper: Helen O. Roberts, 607 Water St., Eden, N.C., 30, Fourth Sunday in September.

Matrimony: Mabel Rhodes, Rt. 3, Stoneville, N.C., 40, Second Sunday in April

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of this Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional as the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His Grace, shall perservere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgement.

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Goodwill	Bro. J. D. Cassell, Eld. C. R. Ball, Bro. J. M. Thomas and Bro. Willie Cassell, Alt.	1			1					29	$100.00
Macedonia	Eld. Gordon Roberts, Sister Bessie Clark, Bro. Fred Cobb, Sister Nena Phillips, Alt.	4				1				5	$60.00
Aaron Fork	Dea. Charlie Moore, Bro. Dennis S. Alley, Sister Nannie Lawson, Sister Mattie Sue Moore, Alt.	3								10	$50.00
Spoon Creek	Bro. Sammy Hazelwood, Sister Nannie Wood, Cletus Turner, Messenger, Sister Dovie Turner, Alt.	2							1	10	$116.00
Matrimony	Dea. Robert Dyer, Jimmy Martin, Bro. Roy Joyce, Eld. J. G. Gardner, Alt.	2	1		2				2	18	$142.00
Pleasant Grove	J. B. Hutchens, J. T. Manring, Sister Leala Moore and Lillian Manring, Alt.	3								14	$65.00
Draper	Eld. Gordon Roberts, Sister Helen Roberts, Bro. Sam Wood, Sister Fedalia Wood, Alt.	4	1						1	12	$100.00
Mayodan	Eld. W. J. Puckett, G. N. Roberts, Dea. Jimmy Martin, Sister Veocie Goad, Alt.	3								20	$70.00

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MINUTES

of the

Fifty-First
Annual Session
of the

LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1983

Entertained by: Russell Creek Church

Beginning on Friday before the
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-first Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, entertained by Russell Creek Church. Beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1983.

FRIDAY MORNING: September 30, 1983

Praise and Prayer by Brother Ray Payne; Introductory Sermon by Elder W. J. Puckette, 1st Chapter John.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors and the Association was convened in song and prayer by Elder John Simpson.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk

4. On motion and carried, omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Samuel Hazelwood, J. D. Cassell.

Finance Committee: Brother R. L. Dyer and Jimmy Martin.

Preaching Committee: Troy Hutchens, Jimmy Gardner, Charlie Moore, Cletus Turner and A. A. Doss.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbots Creek: W. M. Freeman and Wife, Eva Pierce and others.

Black Creek: J. B. Williams.

Laurel Springs: Ray Payne and Wife, George Flippin, Nellie Marion, Deacon George Fulk and Wife, Howard Puckett and others.

Little River: R. L. Fish.

Lower Country Line: W. A. Wheeler and Wife, Wade Watson, Victor Walters and Wife, Annie Bell Hawkins, and L. P. Martin.

Mates Creek: No Report.

Mills Branch: Ester Harrelson, J. D. White and Wife, Thelma Jennette.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest and Wife, Elbert Kirkman, G. E. Duncan, Brother and Sister Victor Phillips, and Others.

Salem: Brother Marvin Rice, Elder L. G. Stewart and Wife, Elder Claude Brown and Wife, M. A. Apple and Wife, Spencer Parish and Others.

Seven Miles: Brother Graham Jackson and Wife, Jack Hawkins, Alonzo Barefoot.

White Oak: Virgil Davis, Furney Davis.
Yellow River: Sister Bobbie Bentley.
Union Association: No Report.

Independent Churches

Coleman Church: No Report.
Mewborn Church: J. M. Mewborn.
Macedonia Church: Bill Lake, Woodrow Lake and Wife.
Lawyers Springs Church: Elder Jimmy Jones and Wife.
Thomas Grove Church: Elder Frank Pegram and Wife, Brother Ken Hopkins.
Sulphur Fork Church: No Report.
Crooked Creek Church: No Report.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder George Flippin

SATURDAY MORNING: October 1, 1983

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Eld. Woodrow Lake

The proceeded to business as follows :

9. Called for messengers who visited Sister Association.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: Elders James Gardner, C.R. Ball.
Black Creek: Elder Gardner.
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Little River: Elder James Gardner
Lower Country Line: Elders James Gardner, A.A. Doss
Mates Creek: James Gardner
Mill Branch: Elders James Gardner
New River: C.R. Ball, James Gardner, A.A. Doss
Salem: Elders James Gardner, A.A. Doss
Seven Miles: Elder J.G. Gardner
White Oak: Elder James Gardner
Yellow River: A.A. Doss

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Mewborns Church: Minutes.
Macedonia Church: Minutes.
Lawyer Springs: Minutes.
Sulphur Fork: Minutes.
Crooked Creek Church: Minutes
Thomas Grove Church: Minutes.

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13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand in the First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Goodwill Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1984.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for thr care and comfort of our visiting brethren and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His Name we pray.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $954.04. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by Elder L.P. Martin

Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator
Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk
Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

Friday Evening September 30, 1983
Elder R. L. Fish: 1 Chapter 1, Peter Verse 1—5
Elder John Williams: 1 Chapter John
Elder Seborn Sechriest: Failed get Text
Elder George Flippen: 10 Chapter, John

Dismissed by Elder Mac Freeman

Saturday Morning October 1, 1983
Elder C. S. Farmer: O Lord, I know it not in man
Elder Jimmy Jones: 17 Chapter, John Verses 23—26
Elder L. P. Martin: 8 Chapter, Roman, Verses 28—31
Elder Jack Hawkins: 13 Chapter, Proverbs, 12 Verse

Saturday Evening: October 1, 1983
Elder J. M. Mewborn: 18 Chapter, Jeremiah
Elder Hugh Wray: 7 Chapter, St. Matthew
Bro. Gervis Dunkin: Good Remarks
Bro. Furnay Davis: Good Remarks
Dismissed by Elder Frank Pegram

Sunday Morning: October 2, 1983
Services opened by Elder Mac Freeman
Eld. Ralph Gaines: Love
Elder John Simpson: 61 Chapter, Isaiah
Elder Woodrow Lake: 14 Chapter Book, Roman 10—12 verses
Elder Frank Pegram: 15 Chapter, Revelation, verse 3
Eld. Alex Payne: Every Knee Shall Bow

Sunday Evening: October 2, 1983
Elder Walter Branch: No special text
Bro. Kenneth Hopkins: Come Blessed of My Father
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Bro. Ray Payne: 40 Chapter, Isaiah
Dismissed by Elder Woodrow Lake

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Spoon Creek	Bor. Sammy Hazelwood, Sister Nannie Wood, Cletus Turner, Messenger, Bro. Lee Hollandsworth, Alt.	2			1				1	10	$121.00
Matrimony	Dea. Robert Dyer, Jimmie Martin, Sister Vera Joyce, Sister Dilla Stowe, Alt.	2							1	17	$117.00
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of the

Fifty-Second
Annual Session
of the

LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1984

Entertained by: Goodwill Church

Beginning on Friday before the
First Sunday in October, and continuing
Through October 7, 1984.

Next Session, the Lord willing, will convene with

Macedonia Church

Beginning on Friday before the
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Three days.

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Obituary of
Elder James Gardner

By request of the Brethren, I will try to write a memorial of Brother Gardner.

Brother Gardner passed away December 26, 1983, at age 65. His survivors include his wife and two daughters.

At the time of his passing, he was moderator of the Lower Mayo Association. Also, he served Sardis Church in the Salem Association, Aaron Fork Church and Matrimony Church in our Association. He also served as clerk of the Lower Mayo Association until Elder Noel Gilbert passed away.

I will not attempt in any way to point out the many, many times and places the Lord blessed him to serve and preach many funerals, ordinations, weddings and in home visits.

I feel so little in trying to write this memorial, yet I believe he was a lovely Brother and lived a full life.

I visited him just before Christmas and he was full of God's love. He made a statement that he loved all his neighbors.

I could go on and on telling the life and way of Brother Gardner, but I know as every old Baptist knows and loved him in their own way.

I feel thankful to God to have known Brother Gardner. We all miss him so much.

I will close by saying sleep on Brother Gardner.

Written By:
Cletus Turner

PROCEEDINGS

of the Fifty-Second Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, entertained by Goodwill Church. Beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1984.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 5, 1984, Held at Goodwill Church. Praise and Prayer by Elder John Simpson; Introductory Sermon by A. A. Doss; Alternate, Elder C. R. Ball, 27 Chapter Psalms, 21 Verse. After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors and the Association was convened in song and prayer by Elder Furney Davis.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder David Minter, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried, omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Samuel Hazelwood, J. D. Cassell.

Finance Committee: Brother R. L. Dyer and Jimmy Martin.

Preaching Committee: Troy Hutchens, Willie Cassell, Charlie Moore, Cletus Turner and A. A. Doss.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbots Creek: Agreed not to seat Abbots Creek.

Black Creek: No Report.

Laurel Springs: Ray Payne, G. A. Fulk, John Clifton, Calvin Key, Sister Opalive Felt, Elder George Flippin and Wife.

Little River: R. L. Fish, Elder S. J. Sauls, Richard Olive.

Lower Country Line: W. A. Wheeler and Wife, Victor Walters and Wife, Annie Bell Hawkins and L. P. Martin.

Mates Creek: Sister Madge Granhan, Elmer Smith.

Mills Branch: Ester Harrelson, Elder L. G. Mishoe and Wife, Brother L. M. Davis and Wife.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest and Wife, Elbert Kirkman, G. E. Duncan, Brother and Sister Victor Phillips, and Others.

Salem: Brother Clark Parrish, Elder L. G. Stewart and Wife, Sister Hawkins, M. A. Apple and Wife, Sister Pearl Allison, Brother Spencer Parrish.

Seven Miles: Brother Graham Jackson and Wife, Brother Robert Galden, Brother Perry Strickland.

White Oak: Furney Davis.
Yellow River: Sister Bobbie Bentley, Brother O. H. Brooks.
Union Association: No Report.

Independent Churches

Coleman Church: Howard Puckett — Reported.
Mewborn Church: J. M. Mewborn.
Macedonia Church: Elder John Simpson.
Lawyers Springs Church: Elder Jimmy Jones and Wife.
Thomas Grove Church: Elder Frank Pegram and Wife, Brother Ken Hopkins.
Sulphur Fork Church: No Report.
Crooked Creek Church: No Report.
7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.
8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder Ray Payne

SATURDAY MORNING: October 6, 1984. Held at Ridgeway School

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder Ken Hopkins.
Then proceeded to business as follows:
9. On motion and carried, called roll of messengers.
10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.
11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.
Abbots Creek: Agreed not to seat Abbots Creek.
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INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.
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12. On motion and carried, the Clerk will be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand in the First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Macedonia Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1985.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His Grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethren and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet agian, In His Name we pray.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $1048.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by: George Flippin

Elder David Minter, Moderator
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ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

Friday Evening: October 5, 1984

Elder S. J. Sauls: 12 Chapter, Hebrews 27-28 Verse
Elder Seborn Sechriest: Asked to be Excused
Elder R. L. Fish: No special text
Elder Ray Payne: Christ

Dismissed by Elmer Smith

Saturday Morning: October 6, 1984

Elder Jimmy Jones: Failed to get text
Bro. Cecil Quesenberry: Failed to get text
Elder G. H. Mishoe: 3 Chapter John
Elder George Flippin: 2 Timothy, Chapter 4-6 Verse

Saturday Evening: October 6, 1984

Elder L. P. Martin: 57 Verse, 15 Chapter Corinthians
Elder Jack Hawkins: No special text
Elder J. M. Mewborn: 5 Chapter Roman, 19 Chapter Revelation
Elder Sidney Rakes: 10 Chapter, 11 Verse St. John

Dismissed by Elder Kenneth Hopkins

Sunday Morning: October 7, 1984

Services opened by Song and Prayer by L. G. Stewart
Elder John Simpson: 1 Chapter Peter, 2 Verse
Elder Elmer Smith: 11 Verse Roman, 9 Chapter
Elder Frank Pegram: 44 Chapter Isaiah, 1-6 Verse

Sunday Evening: October 7, 1984

Bro. Reburn Hawks: 15 Chapter Corinthians, 1 Verse
Elder David Minter: Malachi 4 Chapter, 2 Verse

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Pleasant Grove	Dea. J. B. Hutchens, J. T. Manring, Sister Leala Moore, Sister Ruth Minter, Alt.	3	1							14	$100.00
Draper	Dea. Samuel Wood, Eld. Gordon Roberts, Sister Fedelia Wood, Eld. A. A. Doss, Alt.	4							1	8	$70.00
Mayodan	Eld. W. J. Puckett, Eld. G. N. Roberts, Sister Georgia Thomas, Sister Veocie Goad, Alt.	3	1							22	$50.00
Russell Creek	Dea. Troy Hutchen, Bro. Lennie Coleman, Sister Rena Hutchen, Zula Handy, Alt.	1								9	$77.00
Goodwill	Bro. J. D. Cassell, Bro. Willie Cassell, Bro. J. M. Thomas, Bro. L. C. Cassell, Alt.	1							2	27	$125.00

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MINUTES

of the

Fifty-third
Annual Session
of the

LOWER MAYO
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1985

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-Third Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, entertained by Macedonia Church, at Russell Creek Church, beginning on Friday, October 4 and continuing through Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, 1985.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 4, 1985, held at Russell Creek Church. Praise and Prayer by Eld. L. G. Stewart; Introductory by Eld. C. R. Ball, 22 Ch. Acts, 9th Verse; Alternate Elder David Minter, no special text.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and the Association was convened with song and prayer by Elder R. L. Fish.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.
2. Called for petitionary letters. None.
3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder David Minter, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.
4. On motion and carried, to read the Rules of Decorum.
5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Samuel Hapelwood, J. D. Cassell.

Finance Committee: Deacons R. L. Dyer, Jimmy Martin.

Preaching Committee: Deacons Troy Hutchens, Willie Cassell, Charlie Moore, Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbots Creek: Agreed not to seat, but at any time they get in order Mayo Brothers can seat.

Black Creek: No Report.

Laurel Springs: Ray Payne, G. A. Fulk, John Clifton, Sisters Lela Kirtman, Nellie Marion, Elder George Flippin and Wife, and Others.

Little River: R. L. Fish.

Lower Country Line: W. A. Wheeler and Wife, Victor Walters and Wife, Annie Bell Hawkins and L. P. Martin.

Mates Creek: No Report.

Mills Branch: No Report.

New River: Elder Seborn Sechriest and Wife, Bro. J. B. Mitchell and Wife, G. E. Duncan, Brother and Sister Victor Phillips, and Others.

Salem: Brother Clark Parrish, Elder L. G. Stewart and Wife, Brother Henry Tate and Wife, Elder John Lee, Sister Nina Stafford, Brother Spencer Parrish, and Others.

Seven Miles: Brother Graham Jackson and Wife, Brother Robert Galden, Eld. W. C. Noles, Eld. J. W. Hawkins, and Others.

White Oak: Furney Davis and Wife.
Yellow River: Same agreement as Abbotts Creek.
Union Association: No report.

Independent Churches

Coleman Church: Sisters Odessa Brown, Iris Brown.
Mewborn Church: No report.
Macedonia Church: Elder John Simpson.
Lawyers Springs Church: Same agreement as Abbots Creek.
Thomas Grove Church: Elder Frank Pegram and Wife, Brother Ken Hopkins, Brother Lynwood Gilly.
Sulphur Fork Church: No report.
Crooked Creek Church: Same agreement as Abbots Creek.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.
8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder Kenneth Hopkins

SATURDAY MORNING: October 5, 1985, Held at Russell Creek

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder John Simpson.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. On motion and carried, called roll of messengers.
10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.
11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: Agreed not to seat Abbots Creek.
Black Creek: R. L. Dyer, David Minter, Fred Cobb.
Laurel Springs: David Minter, A. A. Doss, Sam Wood, Fred Cobb.
Little River: David Minter, R. L. Dyer.
Lower Country Line: R. L. Dyer, Sam Wood, David Minter.
Mates Creek: David Minter.
Mill Branch: David Minter.
New River: R. L. Dyer, A. A. Doss, David Minter, Sam Wood.
Salem: Sam Wood, David Minter, A. A. Doss, Fred Cobb.
Seven Miles: David Minter, R. L. Dyer.
White Oak: David Minter, C. R. Ball.
Yellow River: Same as Abbots Creek.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.
Macedonia Church: Minutes.
Lawyer Springs:
Sulphur Fork: Minutes.
Crooked Creek Church:
Thomas Grove Church: Minutes.

12. On motion and carried, the Clerk will be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand, $202.04 in the First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Aaron Fork Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1986.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His Grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethren and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His Name we pray.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $942.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried, that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by: Elder Sidney Rakes

Elder David Minter, Moderator
Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk
Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING: October 4, 1985

Elder W. C. Noles: 1 Chapter Ephesians.
Elder J. E. Sechriest: Timothy, Who has saved us and called us.
Elder Jack Hawkins: Revelations Ch. 1, Verse 8.

Dismissed by: Elder Ray Payne

SATURDAY MORNING: October 5, 1985

Elder L. P. Martin: 3 Ch. 1 John, 1-2 Verse.
Elder Sidney Rakes: 10 Ch. John 15 Verse.
Elder Kenneth Hopkins: No special text.

SATURDAY EVENING: October 5, 1985

Elder J. T. Lee: 33 Ch. Exodus, 17 Verse.
Elder L. G. Stewart: 143 Psalms.
Elder Frank Pegram: 25 Ch., 34 Verse.

Dismissed by: Elder L. P. Martin

SUNDAY MORNING: October 6, 1985

Services opened by Song and Prayer by Elder A. A. Doss.
Elder Ray Payne: I Leaning in the Way.
Elder John Simpson: Peter Ch. 2, Verse 1.
Elder George Flippin: 5 Ch. Roman, 17 Verse.
Elder Rebuen Hawks: 139 Psalms, 5-11 Verse.

SUNDAY EVENING: October 6, 1985

Elder Walter Branch: No special text.
Elder H. H. Meeks: 17 Ch. John.
Elder David Minter: Failed to get text.
Bro. Fred Cobb: Failed to get text.

Dismissed by: Elder John Simpson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in First National Bank of Mart. & Henry Co.	$ 167.04
Received from Churches	$ 942.00
Received from Friends & Unused Expense	$ 35.00
TOTAL	$1,144.04

Disbursements:

Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated to Clerk	$ 20.00
Donated to Assistant Clerk	$ 5.00
Donated to Visiting Ministers	$ 517.05
Allowed for Printing, Mailing Minutes	$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	$ 39.95
Contributions to Russell Creek for the use of their grounds	$ 150.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$ 942.00
Balance on Hand in First Nat. Bank of Mart. & Henry Co.	$ 202.04

ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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David Minter, Box 3091, Martinsville, VA Phone: 703-632-8718	1981
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Hicks Meeks, Rt. 1, Ridgeway, VA Phone: 703-956-2305	1977
W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, NC Phone: 919-427-0661	1940
A. A. Doss, Rt. 1, Evington, VA Phone: 804-821-2946	1951
C. R. Ball, 1420 South Askin St., Martinsville, VA Phone: 703-632-8556	1963

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MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbots Creek: W. I. Atkinson, 605 Sherbrook Dr., High Point, NC 30
Black Creek: Paul Carraway, 201 Pine Burr Acres, Fuqua-Varina, NC 20
Laurel Springs: Ray Payne, Rt. 1, Box 720, Dobson, NC 27017.....30
Little River: John R. Green, 2825 Barmettler St., Raleigh NC.....40
Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, 5536 Leasburg, Rd. Roxboro, NC.....20
New River: J. B. Mitchell, Jr., 195 Kimball Lane, Christiansburg, VA 24073.....20
Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, Ransom, KY 20
Mill Branch: Eld. M. B. Saul, 5 Red Fox Road, Cypress Creek, R.F.D. 1, Myrtle Beach, SC.....20
Salem: Eld. L. G. Stewart, Rt. 9, Box 164, Reidsville, NC 27320 20
Seven Miles: Carol W. Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, NC 20
White Oaks: Virgil E. Davis, Rt. 1, Box 264, Richland, NC 28574 ..20
Yellow River: Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Rt. 4 Commerce, GA 20

CLERKS, ADDRESSES, NO. OF MINUTES MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. 20, Second Sunday in August

Pleasant Grove: J. B. Hutchens, Stuart, Va., 20, Third Sunday in September

Russell Creek: Addie Smith, Stuart, Va., 20, First Sunday in August.

Mayodan: Veocie Goad, 30, Third Sunday in May

Macedonia: Bessie Clark, Rt. #2, B-76, Eden, N.C., 20, Fourth Sunday in May.

Aaron Fork: Dennis Alley, Danbury, N.C., 20, Third Sunday in August

Goodwill: J. D. Cassell, Bassett, Va., 30, First Sunday in July.

Draper: Fedelia Wood, Spencer, Va., 20, Fourth Sunday in September.

Matrimony: Mabel Rhodes, Rt. 3, Stoneville, N.C., 30, Second Sunday in April.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of this Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional as the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His Grace, shall perservere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgement.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgement.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appeals His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Work, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured to their (Thess. 1:4, 5:2; Pet. 1:10) eternal election, so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5,6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Relation	Rest. to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Aaron Fork	Bro's. Charlie Moore, Sam Dalton, Sisters Mattie Sue Moore, Mozelle Dalton, Alt.	3	3							12	$60.00
Spoon Creek	Bro's. Sammy Hazelwood, Cletus Turner, Sisters Nannie Wood, Judy Mays, Alt.	2							1	7	$122.00
Matrimony	Bro's. Jimmie Martin, R. L. Dyer, Sisters Mabel Rhodes, Katie Archiball, Alt.	2	1		1					18	$200.00
Pleasant Grove	Bro's. J. B. Hutchens, J. T. Manring, Sisters Leola Moore, Curvie Brown, Alt.	3								14	$100.00
Draper	Dea. Samuel Wood, Eld. A. A. Doss, Sisters Fedelia Wood, Princelle Chandler, Alt.	4					1			8	$75.00
Mayodan	Eld. Gordon Roberts, Sisters Veocie Goad, Georgia Thomas, Dea. Jimmie Martin, Alt.	3								23	$75.00
Russell Creek	Bro's. Troy Hutchens, Lonnie Coleman, Sisters Addie Smith, Rena Hutchens, Alt.	1							1	8	$100.00
Goodwill	Bro's. J. D. Cassell, J. M. Thomas, J. W. Cassell, Elder A. A. Doss, Alt.	1	1							28	$150.00
Macedonia	Bro. Fred Cobb, Eld. Kenneth Hopkins, Sisters Bessie Clark, Nena Phillips, Alt.	4							1	3	$60.00

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, entertained by Aaron Fork Church Beginning on Friday, October 3 and continuing Through Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, 1986.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 3, 1986, held at Aaron Fork Church. Praise and Prayer by Eld. L. G. Mishoe. Introductory by Eld. David Minter: Job 23:13. Alternate Elder H. H. Meeks: Good remarks. Bro. Eugene Brown: Good remarks.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and the Association was convened with song and prayer by Elder W. C. Noles.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.
2. Called for petitionary letters. None.
3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder David Minter, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.
4. On motion and carried, to omit the reading of the Rules of Decorum.
5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Deacon Samuel Hazelwood, J. D. Cassell.

Finance Committee: Deacons R. L. Dyer, Jimmy Martin.

Preaching Committee: Deacons Sammy Wood, Sam Dalton, Charlie Moore, Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Agreed to seat, Abbots Creek: Eld. W. M. Freeman and Wife, Brother Northen Trogdon and Wife, Bro. Wiber Martin.

Black Creek: Eld. J. B. Williams.

Laurel Springs: Eld. Reuben Hawks, Jr., and Wife, Bro. Irvin Key, Bro. John Clifton, and Others.

Little River: Eld. R. L. Fish, Bro. Richard Olive, Bro. Layton Dupree and Wife.

Lower Country Line: Eld. Burch Wray, Bro. Victor Walters, Sister Lucille Walters.

Mates Creek: Bro. Norman Byrd and Wife, Sister Mildred Stanley.

Mill Branch: Eld. L. G. Mishoe and Wife, Bro. L. M. Davis.

New River: Eld. Sebron Sechriest and Wife, Bro. J. B. Mitchell and Wife, Bro. G. E. Duncan and Wife, Bro. Victor Phillips and Wife.

Salem: Bro. M. A. Apple and Wife, Bro. Henry Tate and Wife, Bro. Harry Mabes and Wife, Elder L. G. Stewart and Wife.

Seven Miles: Eld. W. C. Noles, Bro. Perry Strickland, Bro. Robert Galden, Bro. Graham Jackson and Wife.

White Oak: Eld. Furney Davis, Bro. Issac Jenkins.

Agreed to seat: Yellow River: Bro. Howard Porham, Eld. E. H. Gunter, Sister Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Sister Bobbie Benley.

Union Association: No report.

Independent Churches

Coleman Church: Sisters Odessa Brown, Iris Brown, Howard Pucket.

Mewborn Church: No report.

Macedonia Church: Elder John Simpson.

Agreed to seat: Lawyers Springs Church: Eld. W. C. Edwards, Bro. C. M. Kearns and Wife.

Thomas Grove Church: Eld. Frank Pegram, Eld. Kenneth Hopkins, Bro. Lynwood Gilley.

Sulphur Fork Church: No report.

Agreed to seat: Crooked Creek Church: Bro. Jack Stegall.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder Frank Pegram.

SATURDAY MORNING: October 4, 1986

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder L. G. Stewart.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. On motion and carried, called roll of messengers.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: A. A. Doss, Eugene Brown, David Minter.

Black Creek: A. A. Doss, David Minter, Eugene Brown.

Laurel Springs: David Minter, A. A. Doss, Sam Wood.

Little River: David Minter, A. A. Doss.

Lower Country Line: A. A. Doss, Sam Wood, David Minter.

Mates Creek: David Minter.

Mill Branch: David Minter, A. A. Doss.

New River: A. A. Doss, Sammy Wood, Sam Dalton.

Salem: Sam Wood, David Minter. A. A. Doss.

Seven Miles: David Minter, A. A. Doss.

White Oak: David Minter.

Yellow River: A. A. Doss, David Minter.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

Lawyer Springs: Minutes.

Sulphur Fork: Minutes.

Crooked Creek Church: Minutes.

Thomas Grove Church: Minutes.

12. On motion and carried, the Clerk will be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand, $222.04 in the First National Bank of Martinsville & Henry County.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Spoon Creek Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1987.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His Grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethren and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His Name we pray.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches $924.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried, that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by: Elder Kenneth Hopkins

Elder David Minter, Moderator
Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk
Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING: October 3, 1986

Elder B. C. Wray: No special text.
Elder Johnnie Williams: 40 Ch. Isiah.
Elder Sebron Sechriest: No special text.
Elder W. C. Edwards: 5-6 Ch. Genesis.
Elder R. L. Fish: Good remarks.

Dismissed by: Elder Reuben Hawks

SATURDAY MORNING: October 4, 1986

Elder L. G. Mishoe: Excused himself.
Elder L. M. Davis: Failed to get text.
Elder Eugene Gunter: Experience.
Elder Furnay Davis: Romans 8:12-13.
Elder J. W. Hawkins: Acts 1:5-11.

SATURDAY EVENING: October 4, 1986

Elder L. P. Martin: Isiah 42:11.
Elder Mac Freeman: Deuteronomy 32.
Elder Sidney Rakes: Ephesians 2:3.
Elder Ralph Gaines: Jacob Well.

Dismissed by: Elder Kenneth Hopkins

SUNDAY MORNING: October 5, 1986

Services opened by Elder Ray Payne.
Elder John Simpson: Christ when He was crucified.
Elder George Flippin: Hebrews 2:9-10.
Elder L. G. Stewart: 1 Ch. Genesis.
Bro. Howard Porham: John 3:16.

SUNDAY EVENING: October 5, 1986

Elder Reuben Hawks: Ezekiel 6:12-13.
Elder Frank Pegram: John 11:44.
Elder Kenneth Hopkins: Good remarks.
Elder Ray Payne: Study to show self approved.
Elder Walter Branch: Good remarks.

Dismissed by: Elder A. A. Doss

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in First National Bank of Mart. & Henry Co.	$ 222.04
Received from Churches	$ 914.00
Received from Friend	$ 10.00
TOTAL	$1,146.04

Disbursements:

Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated to Clerk	$ 20.00
Donated to Assistant Clerk	$ 5.00
Donated to Visiting Ministers	$ 605.00
Allowed for Printing, Mailing Minutes	$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	$ 60.67
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$ 900.67
Balance on Hand in First Nat. Bank of Mart. & Henry Co.	$ 245.37

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, entertained by Spoon Creek Church Beginning on Friday, October 2 and continuing Through Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 1987.

FRIDAY MORNING: October 2, 1987, held at Spoon Creek Church. Praise and Prayer by Eld. W. C. Edwards. Introductory by H. H. Meeks: Isaiah 40:1-3. Alternate Bro. Paul Clark: Luke 1:63.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and the Association was convened with song and prayer by Elder Mac Freeman.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.
2. Called for petitionary letters. None.
3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder David Minter, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder A. A. Doss, Assistant Clerk.
4. On motion and carried, to omit the reading of the Rules of Decorum.
5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Jessie Moore, J. D. Cassell.

Finance Committee: Deacons Sammy Wood, Sam Hazelwood, R. L. Dyer, Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbott's Creek: Bro. Wilbur Martin and wife, Eld. W. M. Freeman and wife, and others.

Black Creek: Eld. J. B. Williams, Tempie Murray.

Laurel Springs: Eld. Reuben Hawks, Nellie Marion, Lela Kirkman, Lena Lowe and others.

Little River: Eld. R. L. Fish, Bro. Layton Dupree, Eld. Woodrow Lake and wife.

Lower Country Line: Annie Bell Hawkins, W. A. Wheeler and wife, Victor Walters and wife.

Mates Creek: Sisters Callie Lake and Mildred Stanley.

Mill Branch: J. D. Wright and wife.

New River: Bros. C. H. Bond and wife, J. B. Mitchell and wife, G. E. Duncan and wife, Victor Phillips and wife.

Seven Miles: Eld. W. C. Noles, Eld. J. W. Hawkins, Bro. Robert Galden, Dea. Graham Jackson and wife.

White Oak: Eld. Furney Davis, Leona Davis.

Yellow River: Bro. Hewitt Fleming, Sister Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Sister Bobbie Bentley.

Union Association: No report.

Independent Churches

Coleman Church: Howard Puckett.

Mewborn Church: No report.

Macedonia Church: Elder John Simpson.

Lawyers Springs Church: Eld. W. C. Edwards, Bro. C. M. Kearns and wife, Bro. Amos Cassell and wife.

Thomas Grove Church: Eld. Frank Pegram, Eld. Kenneth Hopkins, Bro. Lynwood Gilley.

Sulphur Fork Church: No report.

Crooked Creek Church: No report.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder W. C. Noles

SATURDAY MORNING: October 3, 1987

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder Ray Payne.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. On motion and carried, called roll of messengers.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: A. A. Doss, Eugene Brown, David Minter.

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Mill Branch: David Minter.

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White Oak: David Minter, A. A. Doss.

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INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

Lawyer Springs: Minutes.

Sulphur Fork: Minues.

Crooked Creek Church: Minutes.

Thomas Grove Church: Minutes.

12. On motion and carried, the Clerk will be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand, $256.22, in the Crestar Bank.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Matrimony Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1988.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His Grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethren and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His Name we pray.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches and friends $1076.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried, that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by: Elder Frank Pegram

Elder David Minter, Moderator
Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk
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ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING: October 2, 1987

Elder Johnnie Williams: Romans 8:11.
Elder Woodrow Lake: Isaiah 40 1:2.
Elder Jack Hawkins: Romans 9 22-23.
Elder W. C. Edwards: St. John 21:18.
Elder W. C. Noles: John 3: 3-4.
Elder R. L. Fish: St. John 6: 37-40.
Bro. Gervis Duncan: Who has believed our report.

Dismissed by: Elder Furney Davis

SATURDAY MORNING: October 3, 1987

Elder Junior Wray: Romans 14: 1.
Elder L. P. Martin: Ecclesiastes 7: 13.
Elder Sidney Rakes: 1 Corinthians: 1-2.

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Elder Furney Davis: St. John 1: 1.
Elder C. S. Farmer: Foundation of God stand sure.
Elder Calvin Harward: St. Matthew 18: 1-5.
Elder Eugene Gunter: Peter: 23.
Elder Kenneth Hopkins: Romans 9:10-11.

Dismissed by Elder Jimmy Jones

SUNDAY MORNING: October 4, 1987

Services opened by Song and Prayer by Elder Mac Freeman.
Elder Jimmy Jones: Ephesians 24.
Elder John Simpson: Acts 24: 14.
Elder Ray Payne: Habakkuk: 5.
Elder George Flippen: Jeremiah 12: 1-2-3-9.
Elder Frank Pegram: Is not of Him that runneth.

SUNDAY EVENING: October 4, 1987

Elder Elbert Kirkman: Failed to get text.
Elder Reuben Hawks: Isaiah 9: 6-7.
Elder Mac Freeman: Deuteronomy 32: 8.
Bro. Paul Clark: Proverbs 21.

Dismissed by: Elder Eugene Brown

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Crestar Bank	$ 216.17
Received from Churches	$1036.00
Received from Friend	$ 40.00
TOTAL	$1292.17

Disbursements:

Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
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Balance on Hand in Crestar Bank	$ 256.22

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FRIDAY MORNING: September 30, 1988, held by Matrimony Church on Russell Creek Church grounds. Praise and Prayer by Eld. Paul Clark. Introductory by Eld. A. A. Doss, 2 Cor. 12:7. Alternate.

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Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder A. A. Doss Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder Paul Clark, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried, to omit the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Sammy Wood, Sammy Hazelwood.

Finance Committee: Deacons Robert Dyer, Sam Dalton.

Preaching Committee: Dea's. Jimmy Martin, Sammy Wood, Bro. Arthur Martin, Moderator, Clerk, Ass't. Clerk.

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbots Creek: Eld's. Ralph Goins, Wilbert Pyrtle, W. M. Freeman and wife and others.

Black Creek: No Report.

Laurel Springs: Eld. Reuben Hawks and wife, Bro. Steve Mosley and wife, Lela Kirkman and others.

Little River: Eld. R. L. Fish, Bro. Richard Olive.

Lower County Line: W. A. Wheeler and wife, Victor Walters and wife, Annie B. Hawkins.

Mates Creek: No Report.

Mill Branch: Eld. L. M. Davis, Bro. Liston Vaught.

New River: Eld. Elbert Kirkman, Bro. G. E. Duncan and wife and others.

Salem: Eld. L. G. Stewart and wife, Bros. Henry Tate and wife, Harry Mabe and wife.

Seven Miles: Eld. W. C. Noles, Bros. R. C. Gaulden, Alonzse Barefoot and others.

White Oak: No Report.

Yellow River: Eld. Eugene Gunter, Sis. Bobbie Bentley, Bro. Howard Porham, Sis. Webb.

Union Association: No Report.

Independent Churches

Mewborn Church: No Report.

Macedonia Church: No Report.

Lawyers Springs Church: Bro. Amos Cassell.

Thomas Grove Church: Eld. Frank Pegram and wife, Eld. Kenneth Hopkins.

Sulphur Fork Church: No Report.

Crooked Creek Church: No Report.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Elder Ralph Gaines

SATURDAY MORNING: October 1, 1988

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Elder L. M. Davis.

The proceeded to business as follows:

9. On motion and carried, called roll of messengers.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: R. L. Dyer, Paul Clark, Sam Dalton, Jesse Trogden.

Black Creek: A. A. Doss, R. L. Dyer, Paul Clark.

Laurel Springs: R. L. Dyer, Paul Clark, Sam Dalton, C. R. Ball.

Little River: A. A. Doss, R. L. Dyer.

Lower Country Line: A. A. Doss, Sam Dalton, Paul Clark, Sam Wood, R. L. Dyer.

Mates Creek: A. A. Doss, Jesse Trogden.

Mill Branch: A. A. Doss.

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Salem: Sam Wood, R. L. Dyer, A. A. Doss, C. R. Ball, Jimmy Martin.

Seven Miles: A. A. Doss, R. L. Dyer.

White Oak: A. A. Doss.

Yellow River: No Report.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

Lawyer Springs: Minutes.

Sulphur Fork: Minutes.

Crooked Creek Church: Minutes.

Thomas Grove Church: Minutes.

12. On motion and carried, the Clerk will be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $200.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand, $367.67 in the Crestar Bank.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Pleasant Grove Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1989.

Resolved:

We desire to express our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His watch care over us, and through and by His Grace enabled us once more to meet together in Peace and Love. May we bow in humble praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their untiring efforts in preparing for the care and comfort of our visiting brethren and sisters. May the Grace of our Lord be with us, and the bonds of His Everlasting Love keep us together until we meet again, In His Name we pray.

16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches and friends $1229.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried, that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by: Elder L. P. Martin

Elder A. A. Doss, Moderator
Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk
Elder Paul Clark, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING: September 30, 1988

Eld. R. L. Fish: Galatians 1:11-16.
Eld. Wilbert Pyrtle: Isaiah 61.
Eld. Ralph Gaines: Experience.
Eld. W. C. Noles: Saved by Grace.
Eld. J. W. Hawkins: Wheel within a wheel.

Dismissed by: Bro. Gervis Duncan

SATURDAY MORNING: October 1, 1988

Eld. Eugene Gunter: St. John 3.
Eld. Kenneth Hopkins: Romans 5:1; Peter.
Eld. John T. Lee: Hebrews 7:1-3.

SATURDAY EVENING: October 1, 1988

Eld. Calvin Howard: Psalms 40:1-3.
Eld. Sidney Rakes: Psalms 31:19.
Eld. L. P. Martin: 1 John.

Dismissed by Elder Mac Freeman

SUNDAY MORNING: October 2, 1988

Services opened by Song and Prayer by Elder H. H. Meeks.

Eld. Mac Freeman: St. John 1.
Eld. Reuben Hawks: John 5:1.
Eld. Frank Pegram: Daniel 12:1-3.
Bro. Howard Porham: Matthew 19:14.

SUNDAY EVENING: October 2, 1988

Elder Elbert Kirkman: The Sheep Hear My Voice.
Elder Paul Clark: Isaiah 55:11.

Dismissed by: Elder A. A. Doss

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Crestar Bank	$ 367.67
Received from Churches	$1174.00
Received from Friend	$ 55.00
TOTAL	$1596.67

Disbursements:

Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated to Clerk	$ 20.00
Donated to Assistant Clerk	$ 5.00
Donated to Visiting Ministers	$ 769.35
Allowed for Printing, Mailing Minutes	$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	$ 224.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$1229.00
Balance on Hand in Crestar Bank	$ 367.67

ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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White Oaks: Virgil E. Davis, Rt. 1, Box 264, Richland, NC 28574 20
Yellow River: H. L. Fleming, P. O. Box 117, Franklin Springs, GA 30629 20

CLERKS, ADDRESSES, NO. OF MINUTES MONTH OF COMMUNION

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Pleasant Grove: Eunice Robertson, Rt. 3, Box 172, Ridgeway, Va. 24148, 20, Third Sunday in September

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Goodwill: J. D. Cassell, Bassett, Va., 30, First Sunday in July

Draper: Fedelia Wood, P. O. Box 33, Spencer, Va. 24165, 20, Fourth Sunday in September

Matrimony: Mabel Rhodes, Rt. 3, Stoneville, N.C., 30, Second Sunday in April

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9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

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11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional as the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His Grace, shall perservere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgement.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgement.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appeals His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Work, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured to their (Thess. 1:4, 5:2; Pet. 1:10) eternal election, so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5,6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Church Messengers	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Relation	Rest. to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribu-tions
Pleasant Grove	Deas. J. T. Manring, Jessie Moore, Sisters Leola Moore, Eunice Robertson, Alt.	3					2			14	$125.00
Draper	Dea. Samuel Wood, Eld. A. A. Doss, Sisters Fedelia Wood, Alice Chandler, Alt.	4								6	$75.00
Mayodan	Sisters Lucy Lawson, Veocie Goad, Georgia Thomas, Lillie Shelton, Alt.	3	2						2	20	$75.00
Russell Creek	Deas. Lonnie Coleman, Troy Hutchens, Sisters Rena Hutchens, Zula Handy, Alt.	1								8	$136.00
Goodwill	Deas. J. D. Cassell, J. M. Thomas, Elds. C. R. Ball, A. A. Doss, Alt.	1					1		2	20	$150.00
Macedonia	Bro. Fred Cobb, Eld. Kenneth Hopkins, Sisters Bessie Clark, Nena Troydron, Alt.	4		1							$80.00
Aaron Fork	Dea. Sam Dalton, Sisters Mozelle Dalton, Zelma Cruise, Nina Goad, Alt.	3	1							12	$130.00
Spoon Creek	Deas. Cletus Turner, Sammy Hazelwood, Sister Nannie Wood, Messenger; Dovie Turner, Alt.	2	1							8	$153.00
Matrimony	Dea. Jimmie Martin, Bro. Arthur Martin, Dea. Robert Dyer, Eld. Paul Clark	2								24	$250.00

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MINUTES

of the

Fifty-Seventh
Annual Session
of the

LOWER MAYO
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1989

Entertained by: Pleasant Grove Church

Beginning on Friday before the
First Sunday in October, and continuing
Through October 1, 1989

Next Session, the Lord Willing, will convene with

Draper Church

Beginning on Friday before the
First Sunday in October, 1990 and continuing
Three days.

OFFICERS

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, entertained by Pleasant Grove Church, beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October and continuing through October 1, 1989.

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FRIDAY MORNING: September 29, 1989. Held by Pleasant Grove Church grounds. Praise and Prayer by Eld. Jack Hawkins. Introductory by Eld. C. R. Ball, The Ark. Eld. H. H. Meeks, Tree of Life, Alternate.

After an intermission of about one hour, the Association met in the house together with messengers and visitors, and the Association was convened with song and prayer by Elder Burch Wray.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for letters from Sister Churches and read. The letters were received and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the Association elected Elder A. A. Doss, Moderator; Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk; Elder Paul Clark, Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried, to omit the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Sammy Wood, Sammy Hazelwood.

Finance Committee: Deacons Robert Dyer, Sam Dalton.

Preaching Committee: Dea's. Jimmy Martin, Sammy Wood, Bro. Arthur Martin, Moderator, Clerk, Ass't. Clerk. Jessie Moore

6. On motion and carried that we call for correspondents from Sister Associations of our Faith and Order.

Abbott's Creek: Eld's. Ralph Gaines, W. M. Freeman and Wife, Bro's. Clarence Kearns and Wife, Wilbur Martin and Wife, Sister Ruth Jones.

Black Creek: Eld. Johnny Williams.

Laurel Springs: Eld's. Reuben Hawks and Wife, Elbert Kirkman and Wife, George Flippen and Wife, Bro. Steve Mosley and Wife, Ervin Key, Howard Puckett, Hoyal Jones, Lela Kirkman, Hattie Steele, Joseph Easter, Wanda Brown.

Little River: Eld. Woodrow Lake.

Lower Country Line: Eld's. Burch Wray, L. P. Martin, W. A. Wheeler and Wife, Victor Walters and Wife.

Mates Creek: Sister Mildred Mitchell.

Mill Branch: No report.

New River: Eld. Sidney Rakes, Bro. G. E. Duncan, Bro. A. E. Smith and Wife, Jessie Mitchell and Wife, Kenneth Hollandsworth and Wife, Hersel Bond and Wife, Victor Phillips and Wife, Norman Quesenberry, Eula Phillips, Lilly Phillips, Dot Combs, Kate Bugg, Madelyn Lowry.

Salem: Eld. L. G. Stewart and Wife, Bro's. Henry Tate and Wife, Spencer Parrish, J. A. Crews, Curry Barnwell, Seth Biggs.

Seven Miles: Eld. Jack Hawkins, Graham Jackson and Wife, R. C. Gauldin, Perry Strickland.

White Oak: Elder Furney Davis and Wife.

Yellow River: Sisters Bobbie Bentley, Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Elder Eugene Gunter.

Union Association of Texas: No report.

Independent Churches

Mewborn Church: Eld. J. M. Mewborn.

Macedonia Church: No report.

Thomas Grove Church: Eld. Frank Pegram and Wife, Eld. Kenneth Hopkins, Lynwood Gilley.

Sulphur Fork Church: No report.

Crooked Creek Church: No report.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Dismissed by Eld. Eugene Gunter

SATURDAY MORNING: September 30, 1989

The Association met according to previous arrangements and conference was opened by Song and Prayer by Bro. G. E. Duncan.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. On motion and carried, called roll of messengers.

10. On motion and carried, the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbots Creek: R. L. Dyer, Paul Clark, Sam Dalton..

Black Creek: A. A. Doss, R. L. Dyer, Paul Clark.

Laurel Springs: R. L. Dyer, Paul Clark, Sam Dalton, A. A. Doss, Sam Wood.

Little River: A. A. Doss, R. L. Dyer.

Lower Country Line: A. A. Doss, Sam Dalton, Paul Clark, Sam Wood, R. L. Dyer.

Mates Creek: Paul Clark.

Mill Branch: A. A. Doss, Paul Clark.

New River: R. L. Dyer, Sam Dalton, A. A. Doss, Sam Wood, Paul Clark.

Salem: Sam Wood, R. L. Dyer, A. A. Doss, C. R. Ball, Jimmy Martin, Paul Clark.

Seven Miles: A. A. Doss, R. L. Dyer, Paul Clark.

White Oak: A. A. Doss, Paul Clark.

Yellow River: Paul Clark.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.
Macedonia Church: Minutes.
Sulphur Fork: Minutes.
Crooked Creek Church: Minutes.
Thomas Grove Church: Minutes.

12. On motion and carried, the Clerk will be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried, the sum of $250.00 will be allowed for printing and mailing 800 Minutes, any additional needed may be drawn from the reserve on hand, $387.02 in the Crestar Bank.

14. On motion and carried, the contributions will be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried, the next session to be held with Draper Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October and continuing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1990.

Resolved:

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16. On motion and carried, the Finance Committee was called upon to report. They reported as follows: Received from churches and friends $1,237.00. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

17. On motion and carried, that we adjourn until time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by: Elder George Flippin

Elder A. A. Doss, Moderator
Deacon Cletus Turner, Clerk
Elder Paul Clark, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING: September 29, 1989
Eld. Ralph Gaines: Experience.
Eld. Jack Hawkins: Experience
Eld. Johnny Williams: St. John 1:6.
Eld. Burch Wray: Good remark.

Dismissed by Elder Eugene Gunter

SATURDAY MORNING; September 30, 1989
Eld. Mac Freeman: Salvation through our dying Head.
Eld. Furney Davis: Roman 9:1.
Eld. L. P. Martin: Roman 9:21-22
Eld. Sidney Rakes: 2 Thessalonians 2:13.
Eld. Woodrow Lake: Excused himself.

SATURDAY EVENING: September 30, 1989
Eld. J. M. Mewborn: 1 Peter 1:18.
Eld. Woodrow Lake: Isaiah 40.
Eld Eugene Gunter: Failed to get text.
Eld. Kenneth Hopkins: Isaiah 22:23.

Dismissed by Elder Paul M. Clark

SUNDAY MORNING: October 1, 1989
Service opened by Song and Prayer by Eld. Paul Clark.
Eld. George Flippin: Joel 2.
Eld. Frank Pegram: Isaiah 61:1.
Eld. Reuben Hawks: Luke 1:76, Jeremiah 50:20.
Eld. Walter Branch: I go and prepare a place for you.
Eld. Elbert Kirkman: Failed to get text.
Bro. Steve Mosley: Experience.

SUNDAY EVENING: October 1, 1989
Eld. C. R. Ball: Dreams.
Eld. Paul Clark: Peter 2:9.

Dismissed by: Eld. Frank Pegram

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Crestar Bank	$ 387.02
Received from Churches	$1,207.00
Received from Friend	$ 30.00
TOTAL	$1,624,02

Disbursements:

Donated to Moderator	$ 10.00
Donated to Clerk	$ 20.00
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Allowed for Printing, Mailing Minutes	$ 250.00
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9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional as the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ: received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His Grace, shall perservere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgement.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgement.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appeals His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Work, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured to their (Thess. 1:4, 5:2; Pet. 1:10) eternal election, so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5,6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches and Pastors	Names of Church Messengers	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Relation	Rest. to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Draper Eld. A. A. Doss	Dea. Samuel Wood, Eld. A. A. Doss, Sisters Fedelia Wood, Alice Chandler, Alt.	4							2	4	$80.00
Mayodan Eld. Kenneth Hopkins	Eld. Kenneth Hopkins, Sisters Georgia Thomas, Veocie Goad, Lucy Lawson, Alt.	3							1	18	$75.00
Russell Creek Eld. Frank Pegram	Deas. Lonnie Coleman, Troy Hutchens, Sisters Rena Hutchens, Zula Handy, Alt.	1							1	7	$108.00
Goodwill Eld. A. A. Doss	Bros. J. M. Thomas, J. D. Cassell, Eld. C. R. Ball, Sister Mary Doss, Alt.	1							1	19	$150.00
Macedonia Eld. Kenneth Hopkins	Dea. Jesse Trogdon, Bro. Fred Cobb, Sisters Nena Trogdon, Louise Cobb, Alt.	4								5	$75.00
Aaron Fork Eld. Frank Pegram	Dea. Sam Dalton, Sisters Mozelle Dalton, Bessie Burge, Nina Goad, Alt.	3								11	$115.00
Spoon Creek Eld. A. A. Doss	Deas. Sammy Hazelwood, Cletus Turner, Sisters Nannie Wood, Martha Hazelwood, Alt.	2								8	$165.00
Matrimony Eld. Paul Clark	Deas. Jimmie Martin, Robert Dyer, Bro. Arthur Martin, Eld. Paul Clark, Alt.	2	1							25	$302.00
Pleasant Grove Eld. Paul Clark	Bros. Jessie Moore, Tom Marring, Sisters Eunice Robertson, Leola Moore, Alt.	3								14	$135.00